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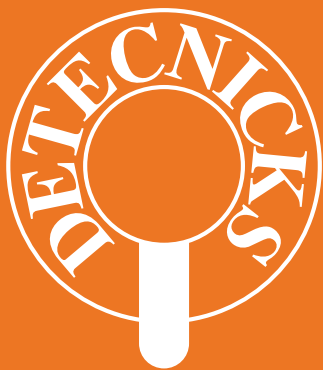


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SAFE SUMMER SEARCHING

Welcome to your September edition ...

On our cover is what looks like a very interesting Bronze Age hoard unearthed on a charity dig in Lincolnshire. The site was due to be greenwashed within days and it's regularly illegally detected. After several attempts to call FLO's it wasn't an easy decision to take to excavate the rest of the hoard.

In our annual detecting foray to the beach, Daniel Spencer has taken a few machines to test and he's also field tested the new Mini Hoard made by Nokta | Makro. Andy Carter demonstrates that even the Romans were not adverse to adding bends to roads and Nick Stevens shows a multitude of finds from the River Thames and shares his research behind them. We have, of course, got many other exclusive finds within the covers of this issue to inspire and admire.

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MARK GILLETT

GREAT FIND FROM WILTSHIRE

I found this interesting medieval penny of Henry III in Wiltshire in March this year on the last day of freedom before the lockdown.

The coin is an early example of a long cross type but on looking at the reverse of the coin I noticed that there is an inverted letter S in one of the quarters.

Alistair Mackey has identified the coin as: A Continental imitation copied from a class 3 (3ab?) long cross penny. The reverse legend, as is often the case with these, is garbled and the A following the S is also back to front, the X in the obverse legend has serifs which does not occur in long cross, and the fabric appears base.

A great find – well done Mark!

our readers finds

AIDAN MCHALE

UNBELIEVABLE!

I was detecting a meadow and after half an hour of slow searching I received a lovely clear tone reading 23 on my Equinox 800. The strong signal persuaded me to dig and investigate its earthly residence.

There, in the dry crumbly clay soil was a gold 22ct ring, hallmarked Chester, 1917 and inscribed with the name Dick Lauri 29 10 02 in scrolled lettering which was similar to Georgian script. I presume it may be a mourning ring?

After looking at the ring for 20 minutes I just thought I'd check over the hole, just in case, and received a lower tone reading 15 on the screen. I probed the hole with my pinpoint and dug a corner out and a coin flipped over.

I couldn't believe my eyes as I looked down at a George V, 1911 gold half sovereign in mint condition! Unbelievable!!



STEVE HENSTRIDGE

BROOCH BEAUTIES!

Friend to **The Searcher** magazine Steve Henstridge regularly sees good finds by members of his DIG group but not as often does he dig up such gems from the past as these two brooches.

Approximately 400 years separate this Saxon button brooch and Medieval annular brooch, but both were found within a space of days.

Daniel Spencer #TeamSearcher



IAN GRANT

SIMPLEXITY!

I've been detecting for about five years but thought I would share a couple of pics of a recent find with the Nokta I Makro Simplex+. It was only my third time out and it proved itself as it pulled out a lovely gold half sovereign 1872 at a decent depth and VDI of 42.

Hopefully a taste of things to come!



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FABIO VINCENTI

MORE GOLD WITH SIMPLEX+

Here's a fantastic find by another Simplex+ user. Fabio Vincenti was lucky enough to recently search some ploughed and rolled land. As if that wasn't luck enough, he then located and dug this Edward III, quarter noble gold hammered coin. Thanks for sharing with us Fabio.

Daniel Spencer
#TeamSearcher



PETER WOLLWEBER

RELISHING THE ROMAN

Seeing **The Searcher** post on Facebook about find submissions, I wanted to send some pictures in of my first ever Roman denarius find!

I've never submitted a find to you before, so look forward to seeing it in the magazine. Along with the denarius, I also unearthed a Carausius radiate on the same search which I know is quite a good Roman bronze to find.



GAVIN & SALLY SHEPHERD

SUPER SALLY-DAY

Due to the easing of Covid-19 restrictions my wife and I jumped at the chance to go on our first dig. We arrived at a recently harvested pea field in North Lincolnshire along with some more members of S.M.D.S.

Sally set off in her usual random search pattern using her XP Deus. A couple of hours later she turned wide-eyed clutching something to her chest. The settings I'd put in her machine (similar to the Ultimate Program) had worked.

We thank Alistair Mackay for the following identification: Merovingian, Mettis (metz), tremissis. Obv. mETTIS CIVETATI, diademed bust right. Rev. + ANSOALDVS mONET, cross pommee, C / A in bottom quarters. Moneys: Ansoaldus. de Belfort 2924-2932. The 'D' in the moneyer's name is a Greek delta rather than a Latin D. A.D. 587(?) - c.670.



GRAHAM HICKS

WHAT A GREAT HOBBY!

I recently went out on one of my farm permissions with my trusty Nokta I Makro Kruzer and had a fairly non-eventful search. I found a few buttons, a poor condition early Victorian penny, bits of tat and what I thought was the tiniest button ever. It was so small, I thought it couldn't be anything else.

However, when I returned home and sifted through my finds, I could see after a clean it wasn't a tiny button but instead, a tiny silver coin. I did some research and found out that it was a silver Spanish quarter real, featuring a lion on obverse and a castle on the reverse of the coin. No dates or reigning king but from the research I established it was dated approximately 1750/90AD.

What seemed like an average few hours digging produced a wonderful little find that I'll always treasure ... what a great hobby! Check those tiny buttons folks as you never know!



BRIAN HAMMOND

FORESHORE FOSSIKING

Due to the recent lockdown and being unable to mix with others, I've taken several trips down to the river to detect on the foreshore.

I've spent most of the time sloshing around in mud due to the lack of river traffic but I have been fortunate in one eyes only find.

I believe it's a triskelion. This is based on a very early Neolithic and Celtic three spiral design symbol. At first I thought it was stainless steel and discarded it as modern. But on closer inspection I realised it was hallmarked London 1935 and it weighs 33 grams. It's amazing to think that this symbol is still very popular in jewellery today.



PAUL BERRY

REGIONAL IMPORTANCE!

On a recent visit to a field bordered by the Thames, I pulled out what appeared to be a printed piece of metal. Seeing a rivet and holes at one end suggested a strap end maybe.

Once home and able to view under magnification I could see that the metal was engraved with peacocks and a tree. That started me thinking that maybe the item was Roman and after emailing photos to a fellow, but more knowledgeable, detectorist I had an ID of a Roman buckle plate.

FLO, Dr Simon Maslin advised that this was an item of Regional Importance described as "An incomplete and damaged Roman copper alloy buckle plate dating to the 4th century AD. The front of the plate is engraved with a decorative scene comprising a pair of peacocks, facing each other, with a 'tree of life' motif between.

The 'tree of life' and peacocks represented symbols of immortality in early Christian iconography. Peacocks were also previously associated with the pagan deities Juno and Venus and were depicted in Bacchic and Orphic scenes. The annual loss and regrowth of the bird's tail was seen as symbolic of spring and rebirth and the bird was said to have incorruptible flesh."

You learn so much in this hobby of ours!



PAUL CEE

HEART-STOPPING MOMENT



I'm a member of a Facebook charity group and it was announced the first search after lockdown would be in Lincolnshire. Strict Covid-19 rules were in place and it was nice to know the organiser had put our safety first and with these digs are usually only 30 members most weeks, we were already within the guidance. The field was 80 acres of fresh pea stubble and plenty of space to keep our distance from each other.

I decided that I'd use my Equinox 800 with 15" coil so I could cover more ground and was quickly rewarded by my choice because as only 10 yards from my car I unearthed an Edward I halfpenny at a depth of 4".

Later in the day I received a very bouncy 17 on the VDI. I dug down to about 6" to see what I believed to be potentially Victorian in date but turned out to be a medieval silver ring brooch complete with pin!

What a great day it turned out to be, Medieval and Roman coins, Treasure and great company to top it all off!



MARTIN NORRIS

WONDERFUL WULFRED

Recently I purchased a new HF coil for my Deus, so I decided to go back to some pasture in Hampshire that I'd previously searched.

After finding the normal stuff and the odd Roman I decided to call it a day and was returning to the vehicle when I dug a cartridge like signal. To my amazement, and excitingly, a Saxon coin was sitting in the hole.

I believe that the coin is a Wulfred Penny, Archbishop of Canterbury. A very special find.

Alistair Mackay identified it as: Archbishops of Canterbury, Wulfred (805-832), group IV, anonymous issue (c.822-3).



Obv. LVNING MONETA, tonsured bust facing, three pellets to either side, within inner circle.
Rev. DORO / BERNIA / CIVITA / S in four lines.
Moneys: Luning. Same dies as Naismith (The Coinage of Southern England, 796-865), Plate 32, C57.2e.



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ALAN BUTLER

SOLDINO SAVED!

I was on my first (limited to 30 people) dig with MWS post lockdown near Hungerford.

I'd been swinging my Deus with HF coil for a couple of hours when I received a very clear dig tone, confirmed by a nice diagonal line in the bottom left to top right quadrant on the XY screen of the control box. I flipped back the top layer of grass and then dug a full spade depth of flinty soil. My MI-6 pinpointter enabled me to quickly locate what I thought was a hammered halfpenny. I don't wear glasses when I detect, so a full ID would need to wait until later.

I posted some blurry images on the club site and was soon told I had found a Venetian soldino from around the 1400s. I'd not encountered one before – having only been detecting for just over two years.

Apparently, these coins were called 'Galley' halfpenny – because they were believed to come from Venetian traders who docked at Galley Quay in London to unload their trade goods. The coins became used as small change until they were banned in the 1500s. Although not an English coin it's still part of our heritage and I'm really pleased to have found it!

I've informed my local FLO and await a more detailed identification.



CHRIS LANGSTON

AT MAX-IMUM

Having been ill with lung problems since December, I've been unable to go detecting.

On my last short visit to a local detecting spot that's never really produced anything older than 1700. I took a break under a tree to catch my breath and decided to give it another 20 minutes – I am so glad I did!

I received a deep solid signal hitting at 70/72 on my AT MAX and after trying to dig and almost giving up out of breath as I was now 10/11" deep, the most amazing coin popped out of the ground!

A Henry VI medieval gold hammered noble in amazing condition!

I've seven Treasure cases logged with the British Museum to date but this is a first for me and probably the pinnacle of my detecting years so far!

The find of a lifetime! Thank you Garrett!

John Naylor describes the find as follows on the PAS database: A gold noble of Henry VI – annulet issue struck c, AD 1422–27 at the mint probably in Calais. Initial Mark – probably Lis. Obverse, King facing in armour holding sword and shield, standing on ship, flag at stern, shield quartered with the arms of England and France. Annulet by sword-arm Reverse, Floriate cross with lis at terminal of each arm and an ornamented compartment in the centre containing the letter 'h'. Lion passant in each angle with a crown above each, all within a tressure of eight arches.



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Thanks to the public's efforts, including those made through responsible metal detecting, our understanding of past communities living in Britain over thousands of years has radically improved.

Many individual finds have transformed what we know almost overnight and have become some of the most famous historical objects in the UK, such as the gold treasures of the Staffordshire Hoard.

To celebrate this important milestone, Finds Advisors and Head of the Portable Antiquities Scheme Michael Lewis have compiled the top ten finds they believe have most transformed our knowledge of the past.

Medieval lead papal bulla of Pope Innocent IV, found in Shropshire by Andrew Bassett



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Medieval gold noble of Henry VI

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Thomas Becket pilgrim badge



Sample of the Staffordshire Hoard

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DISCOVERING THE HORNCastle HOARD

COUNTRYLIFE

After shielding with the wife since March, the time came when restrictions were lifted and detecting groups could get out again.

I'm a member of a private Facebook charity group which searches across seven counties. I struggled to get my name down on the dig, as there were only 30 spaces but the organiser saw that us old folk were struggling, so he put a new system in place where he would phone all the OAP's in group and offer them a space before opening it up to the rest of the members. I was so excited about finally getting out.

I don't know about other groups but ours has a Covid 19 Safety Marshal who makes sure we are safe and follow the rules. We have hand sanitiser stations and are told to wear masks at the cars. On the field we're not allowed to congregate and we are to use radios to communicate.

We arrived at the site in Lincolnshire at 8.30am and by 9am we promptly started. The first field was very noisy at the bottom, lots of cut up cans and rubbish but as we moved forward I found a little 17th century token as well as a hammered coin of Edward I.

By 11am we had moved to the next field. People were finding various artefacts and coins. Billy with a bronze Tudor brooch, there was a denarius, Saxon pin head and a few more hammered coins.

Everyone respected each other's space and the only thing that wasn't as good was that we couldn't share the moment of discovery because of social distancing.

After lunch we were given our last field for the day. It was a strange field and about 80 acres in size. It was flattish at the start but slowly inclined, then there was a drop and then it widened out on both sides.

After about 20 minutes I got my first signal. I was using my trusty Deus as I like the weight of it and its responsiveness. The signal was clear and I started to dig down.

Two shovels down at a depth of 8 – 9" I uncovered a Bronze Age axehead. I was overjoyed to say the least and phoned the 'boss' to tell him the good news. He was on route to see a farm manager and had left the Marshal's in charge for 30 minutes, they all know what to do, so we were in good hands.

I searched around my hole, filled it in and walked a few feet and got another signal. This time it was a socketed wood gouge. At this point I realised that there could be more items so I shouted Eddie over, one of our Marshals. He immediately cordoned off the area and we carried on the search. About three metres from the second find spot I got another clear signal and lo and behold, there was another piece to the puzzle.

Two fellow searchers offered to help and one found the second axehead approximately two metres from the first. At this point we decided to phone the experts, but after trying a number of times and reaching only their voice mail we took the decision that we couldn't leave it in situ because the area is heavily illegally searched.

There was also a large pile of greenwaste scheduled to be ploughed in within the next two days and none of us lived nearby to guard the location.

Eddie and Richard with their many years of experience carefully excavated a number of items and each item was individually wrapped at the end of excavation and boxed.





The hoard will be handed over as advised by the FLO at North Lincs Museum in time for his return in early August.

I've been detecting intermittently for six years and have considered quitting many times as I suffer with angina and arthritis. Additionally, I can only search small areas and for short periods. I'm so glad I continued as this day will go down as one of the best days of my life. ●



Note from organiser: I understand that academics will probably be criticising the hoard being lifted, but the decision was not taken lightly.

- 1 The field had a big pile of greenwaste ready to be ploughed in, and was scheduled within the next couple of days.
- 2 The find site was found approximately two hours from the end of our search.
- 3 We phoned up the FLO more than once and reached their voicemail.
- 4 The fields we had that day for our search are illegally detected under the cover of darkness regularly.
- 5 None of us live close enough to guard it for a long period of time. Under the circumstances after phoning for advice, we agreed that it is best to take it away and then hand it over to North Lincolnshire Museum.
- 6 It was a scattered hoard, and there was no sign of discoloured earth, or pottery etc.



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(Contents not included)



Searcher baseball cap



Searcher red tee



Searcher hoodie



Searcher red hoodie



Searcher rucksack
(Contents not included)



SEEING DOUBLE

JP



One evening I was out searching and after a few hours of finding lead and buttons, I got a solid 60 on the ORX.

No question, this sounded good and was screaming dig me!

My MI-6 showed me on the ORX screen that it was just under the surface. I dug a small hole and could see the edge of the coin in the soil. I remember thinking ... just my luck it's going to be a dog tag or aluminium disc.

When I retrieved it from the dirt I could tell it wasn't the usual type of hammered coin, but something older than I'm used to finding. Having gone through my Spink book I narrowed it down to one of two monarchs.

Since then it has been confirmed to be a coin from Edward the Martyr and a previously unknown moneyer.



EMC number: 2020.0200

State: Anglo-Saxon England (871-1066)

Ruler: Edward the Martyr

Type: Edward Martyr, Small Cross, N 763

Mint name on coin: HAIP

Moneyer: Æthelweard

Moneyer name on coin: AEDELVEARD

Weight: 1.48g

Comment: A new type for this moneyer

GOLD!

Recently one evening, I'd just watched a YouTube video by Dukes of Derbyshire showing his gold finds from the past five years. As soon as I finished watching it I decided I'd go digging until it got dark. It was 8.45pm at this point, so I knew I wouldn't have long. My wife Stephanie shook her head and said "Have fun!". She knows I love detecting and lets me get on with it.

I picked up my bag, which is always ready to go, along with my spade and drove to my newly obtained permission. Being so hot for so long I was able to drive to the area of the field I wanted to detect which saved a good hike. I picked my spot and started searching at about 9pm.

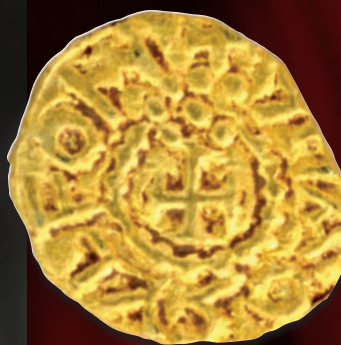
It was hard going, the area had been rough ploughed and there were a few times I slipped and hoped I didn't hurt an ankle, as I'd have to ring a friend to get me, and I'd never live it down.

About 20 minutes later I received a mid-tone 54/55 on my ORX. Definitely a digger, but there was a slight break to the sound. The land was so dry, digging was very hard in places, but it was in the soil that had been turned by the plough. It was only 3" down and took me a few minutes to locate as it was so small.

I remember brushing the dirt off and seeing this beautiful gold coloured coin. I hadn't seen one like it before and wasn't sure if it was, or wasn't, what I thought it might be. I messaged my friend Andy Crookes and said "I think I have found gold!"

Ed: We thank Alistair Mackay for his tentative description and attribution which is:

Obv. S...ODERO VIC, diademed bust right. Rev. +V..AOSVLFO M, cross pattee, rosette of pellets above. I have not been able to track the mint or moneyer of this one down but would suggest as a possibility the Vicus of Isarnoderus (Izernore, Ain, France).



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FIND OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE



Rob Jones found this find of National importance using his Equinox 800 at approximately 14" in depth, the VDI reading was 40.

The PAS database record reads as follows: Roman lead pig ingot c63–69AD. The ingot is rectangular in plan and trapezoid in section. Four clear layers can be seen giving an indication of the way in which the ingot was produced, by pouring four separate batches of metal in the mould. One end of the ingot has been lost and there are cut marks on all faces the ingot.

Initial identification is thanks to Sam Moorhead, John Pearce, Roger Tomlin and Mark Lewis. The pig appears to be unique and has an inscription made up of ligatured letters which refer to one of the governors of Roman Britain, Marcus Trebellius Maximus who was appointed by Nero 63–69AD. This governor is only known from literary sources and therefore the ingot may well represent the only known inscription that can be attributed to him.

The reading of the inscription, by Roger Tomlin, is as follows:

[...] CAES ^ AVG ^ BRIT ^ X MAGVL
^ FVSVM ^ OPIN ^ PROV ^

TREBEL ^ MAXIMO ^ LEG ^ AVG
[Neronis] Caes(aris) Aug(usti) (plumbum) Brit(annicum) (e)x Magul(...) fusum op(eribus) in prov(incia) Trebel(lio) Maximo leg(ato) Aug(usti) (Property) of Nero Caesar Augustus, British (lead) from Magul(...), smelted at the works in the province when Trebellius Maximus was imperial legate.

ABOVE Rob Jones **RIGHT** Rob Jones with archaeologists excavating the site **LEFT AND BELOW** ©PAS

The inscription names Marcus Trebellius Maximus, who was the governor of the province of Britannia under the Emperor Nero from AD63–69, and therefore represents the only example of an inscription bearing his name ever found in the UK and one of very few from the empire as a whole. Trebellius was partly responsible for bringing stability to Britannia after Boudica's revolt in AD 60/1, although he was ultimately forced out of the province by mutinous Roman soldiers who were dissatisfied as a result of lack of military activity under his governorship.

The object is among the earliest dated inscriptions recording Roman seizure of Britain's mineral wealth and testifies to its rapid exploitation following the spread of Roman power across the island. The production of the ingot presupposes prospection for metals, expropriation of mining sites and the mobilisation of labour, forced or voluntary, to mine and process metal-rich ores. The inscription illustrates the bureaucratic control exercised over the production of valuable metals.

The object has now been acquired for Wrexham Museum with thanks to the Arts Council England/V&A Purchase Grant Fund, The Headley Trust and Friends of Wrexham Museum. ●

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“You never know what you’ll find”

Mark Visser Instagram: @Medievaldigger

I have been searching in the fields of the northern part of the Netherlands for the past eight years now. The first two years were absolutely lousy. I couldn't find anything old! And with old, I mean: Roman or medieval.

However, as I became more seasoned I started to find the things that I wanted most which are Medieval coins in particular. And now, I like to just find anything that is old and looks good.

The first thing that non-detectorists always ask me is: “What’s it worth?” Well ... I’m not in it for the money, but for the historical value only. I always think that if it’s money you want, you can earn more money by working.

Recently, I’m really into finding glass beads and it has started to become some sort of side quest to spot those tiny colourful dots on the fields. Brooches and other objects are also always welcome finds. I also record my finds on PAN too which is the equivalent to the PAS in the UK.

It’s one of the best parts of detecting I think ... you never know what you will find, there are so many different coins and brooches made in the past.

Here are my find top tens of coins, brooches, beads and objects!

Enjoy the pictures and happy searching! ●





LEFT AND THIS PAGE A small selection of some of the finds I have posted to my Instagram account @Medievaldigger



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Whilst the crops are in, and the ground in many parts of the country is rock hard, we thought we'd take the opportunity to try a few products down on the beach.

We've used them on dry and wet sand, and have set up a test bed too. There are many more products that are waterproof other than these, but obviously we don't have the space to include every one of them here. Included also, are a few tips, hints and helpful advice on detecting in beach conditions.

If you decide to give it a go then please check to whom the beach belongs, as you may need to seek permission. Some may be privately owned, or owned by the local council and in some cases the National Trust.

It's also worth checking tide tables in order to time your visit for the maximum detecting area – see the helpful websites at the end of the article.

BEACH DETECTING

DANIEL SPENCER

CONDITIONS:

Warm overcast day
Dry loose sand
Wet sand down to
clay/black sand

THE TEST BED

It isn't the best way of testing a machine inland, but on the beach with the ever shifting sand, constant streams of public dropping things, a test bed on the sand is as close as you can get to real drops. I created two test beds with four sections, one on the dry and one on the wet, just after the tide had gone out.

Before digging anything, I went over each test bed to ensure the area was clean. Each section was then dug down to the grey/black sand leaving a hole approximately 12" deep.

SECTION 1: 9ct gold finger ring previously found on a beach.

SECTION 2: 18mm good quality silver hammered coin which is particularly thin.

SECTION 3: Multi-construction small button. Brass, plastic and an unknown alloy.

SECTION 4: Small silver hammered coin and a flat piece of iron with uneven thickness and straight edges.



Minelab Vanquish 540 Pro Pack

New this year, the Minelab Vanquish has proven a hit already with many inland and beach detectorists. Its patented Multi-IQ technology fires simultaneous multi-frequencies into the ground meaning it can work in all terrains, and find all metals. It's that simple in theory, but how will it fair on our test?

The 540 Pro Pack comes with two coils: the V8 (8"x5"DD) and the V12 (12"x9"DD). For this test I've selected the V8 coil which will still give good depth but offers superior target separation on this trashy beach site.

The tide was out so I had a vast area of beach to detect which included, very wet sand, damp sand wet 2" down, the intermediate section between dry and wet and of course dry. I'd chosen to use Jewellery mode on the dry, assuming that the undesirable targets like ring pulls would be more prevalent up where people sit around. To back that up, Minelab have specifically adapted this mode to ensure that "the tones are adjusted to ensure that fine gold jewellery is not classified as trash". For the wet areas I used All Metal mode. In both cases I maxed out the sensitivity and was only going to back it off if I received any more feedback than I anticipated.

I must add straight away that the machine behaved impeccably. Utilising Multi IQ, full sensitivity and Iron Bias set to low, I had complete confidence. From the testing, it's clear that Multi-IQ has an advantage over VLF technology where stability on the beach is concerned.

Before I reveal the test bed results, I will explain the Iron Bias on this machine and what I'd class as intelligent processing. By default, Minelab have set Iron Bias to high which is great for those with less time on their hands; getting into the hobby or just happy to dig only the two-way tones. If you want to tune it to really get between the iron and adapt a more skilful approach, then by pressing and holding down the 'All Metal' button for around two seconds, a nail shape icon will show on the screen to the left of the target number display, and you've entered Low Iron Bias. Now this is the clever part. What the machine is now doing is reducing its sensitivity to iron just enough to 'look' around the trash and pick out the more desirable coin targets. The iron no longer masks desirable targets making them easier to pick out.

BEACH WET SETTINGS:

All Metal Mode
Full Sensitivity
Iron Bias Low (High by default)

BEACH DRY SETTINGS:

Jewellery Mode
Full Sensitivity
Iron Bias Low (High by default)

TEST BED

GOLD: Clear audible sounds were pinging out when going over a ring at all depths on the wet and dry sand. Even around the deepest test point around 10" in the wet with the ring on edge, I could still get a one way diggable tone.

SILVER: A thin hammered silver was again located at all depths until on edge where depth was significantly reduced. But to put in to perspective, it's one of the thinnest pieces I use for tests. As soon as the coin was introduced at any slight angle, it was picked up again.

BUTTON: Although small, multi construction and placed at different angles, this plated button was no match for the 540 which found it down to around 8" on the wet and 7" on the dry sand.

SILVER & IRON: I made a point above of explaining about the Iron Bias for a very good reason. Standard settings of a High Iron Bias didn't favour this test and knowing Minelab's latest flagship machine has superb reactivity, I searched the settings for a solution. Once engaged, the Low Iron Bias setting dramatically improved the performance. The coin was located around the iron piece down to a reasonable depth and even with the coin just about poking out from under the iron.





XP ORX & HF Elliptical 9" coil

I've used the XP ORX on wet and dry sand before to great effect using my own inland settings and XP guru Gary Blackwell's wet Beach settings. On this test I swapped out the HF round 9" coil for the HF 9.5x5" elliptical coil which offers a wide range of frequencies and compared to the 9" round, added sensitivity and reactivity due to its narrower design.

Starting on the wet sand, select 'Coin Fast' and then hold down the # button to select the Salt Mode which is indicated by the word 'Salt'. Ground balancing wasn't necessary as the machine stabilised, but you can ground balance or reduce sensitivity if you're getting too much feedback. Be in no doubt, you will always get some feedback but you tune into the machine quickly and are listening out for the good solid tones of coins and jewellery coming through.

My chosen frequency was 31.3kHz which is very similar to my land settings where I use 28.8kHz. Set the frequency too low and risk missing those smaller low conductors, set it too high and you'll struggle with depth and targeting the high conductors.

Before I set the ORX to work on the test bed, I had some time swinging over the wet sand chasing the tide out and then back up towards the dry. The ORX is a very light, ergonomic and responsive, there isn't another machine out there that feels like this when in full swing. I'd argue the point that you don't even need the pinpoint function on these machines. The feedback you get from the machine allows you to understand exactly where the target is under the coil so you can get digging immediately. A couple of areas on the beach were quite mineralised which coincided with the black sand on the surface and required a little adjustment to the settings, this was nothing more than reducing Sensitivity to around 84. Once out of the area I could go back to 90.

TEST BED

GOLD: As expected, the ORX recovered the ring at varying depths, I also placed the ring flat and at different angles but there was no hiding the ring from this HF elliptical coil.

SILVER: As with the gold ring, the ORX didn't hesitate in quickly and accurately pinpointing the silver coin. The only time it went out of range was when the coin was on edge at over 8" deep on the wet sand.

BUTTON: The 10mm plated button put up a fight and not surprising given its construction. It wasn't detectable at the greater depths but at different angles in the first 5" it rang out through the control box with no issue.

SILVER & IRON: Reactivity and iron discrimination go hand in hand with the ORX and even at depth the silver coin was located. Only when I got to the deepest part of the test did the tone start to turn unclear but still recognisable as a good target.

BEACH WET SETTINGS:

Coin Fast
Salt Mode (Hold #)
31.3kHz
Sensitivity: 84-90

BEACH DRY SETTINGS:

Coin Fast
31.3kHz (14.4kHz Coin shooting)
Ground Balance: 88
Sensitivity: 90



TEST BED

GOLD: The settings I'd used on the wet sand proved to be good on the test bed and if the gold ring had been out in the main area of beach, I'd have found it no problem. Scratchy at depth but the machine found the target.

SILVER: This also was located with ease. What I will add is switching to the CC coil, the silver coin on edge was found even at depth and the pinpoint locating perfect. The CC coil is best on the dry sand in and around the busy coin/jewellery drop zones.

BUTTON: Small targets are found easily with the Alter and the small button gave two-way signals at all angles and depths to around 8".

SILVER & IRON: The real test for the Alter was to see if the Dual Mode was going to work as expected. The iron piece was put on the ground and tested down to 10" and at no point did the Alter alert me, it was there regardless of the depth and angle. Great news of course so I then added the silver coin to the side of the iron at varying depths, tucked under the iron at depths and then on edge. The Alter wouldn't give up until the coin was under the iron, I switched to Fast Mode and the machine lit up, the target couldn't get away regardless of what I did. **Very impressive for a VLF machine on the beach.**

Rutus Alter 71 V2 Plus Pack

The creator and engineer of the RUTUS range of machines is also an accomplished detectorist. It's no surprise then that RUTUS produce good quality technical machines with a clear focus on performance.

It's thanks to Detecnicks that I'd the opportunity to test this machine which offers the choice of 71 frequencies between 4.4 and 18.4kHz as a selectable frequency. Note, it's an extremely versatile and if you want it to be, complex machine! For this test I am solely selecting the best settings for the situation and test bed.

Both coils have selectable multi-frequency from 4.4-18.4kHz. I've used the supplied 11" DD coil inland before to great effect, good depth and reactivity but never the 9" CC coil. Concentric coils can undesirably be affected by mineralisation and saltwater but offer great discrimination and pinpointing. I used both during the test and the results are as follows.

The Alter 71 has a trick up its sleeve it's equipped with Dual Mode which offers a combination of a Standard Motion with discrimination and All Metal Mode. Sounds a little awkward but if you have the depth and power of All Metal running at the same time as a good target separation and identification mode then performance is enhanced somewhat.

I started with the DD coil, Coins Mode at max of 18.4kHz and ground balanced the machine on wet sand. Unsurprisingly, I got a low number which shows the area was mineralised/highly conductive. I started to swing and got a lot of chatter. The next 10 minutes took me through varying settings and frequencies before the machine settled down and allowed me to perform the tests. There are four personal program slots to save your settings.

The performance was much better on the dry than on the wet but it worked solidly. You get more feedback than desired but reducing Sensitivity and the frequency worked effectively. It did still dig ring pulls but many were deep and more so than other machines I'd used on the beach. Raising Disc to around 28-30 stopped the low grunt of the iron coming through but it wasn't of great concern, but if you like quieter searching then it's where your best setting the discrimination to.

BEACH WET SETTINGS:

DD Coil

Coin Program (Amongst Iron: Fast Program)

Dual Mode

Frequency: 14kHz

Sensitivity: 60

BEACH DRY SETTINGS:

DD Coil

Coin Program (Amongst Iron: Fast Program)

Dual Mode

Frequency: 14-18.4kHz

Sensitivity: 70





BEACH WET SETTINGS:

Beach Mode
Sensitivity: 6
GB: 0 – 0.9

BEACH DRY SETTINGS:

Park 1 Mode
Sensitivity: 7
GB: 0



Nokta | Makro Simplex+ V2.78

Nokta | Makro launched the Simplex+ in late 2019 with a very clear message, "The first waterproof metal detector on the market offering extreme depth and high-end features at an entry level price". It's lived up to that strap line. You only have to look at what has been found in the UK by its users to confirm that statement.

Having had significant experience with the Simplex+ in V2.77, I upgraded to the latest software version 2.78 to ensure maximum stability on mineralised ground and target ID which have been improved. The following test shows the results of this and if you mainly detect on the beach, then I'd advise updating to V2.78.

The Simplex+ has a Beach Mode which is what I used for both wet and dry sand. Being a VLF machine, I knew I had to get the settings right quickly to limit the amount of undesirable feedback that would come from the standard settings. I selected Beach and ground balanced to 0 (during the test I did the GB a few times and got readings of 0 – 0.9). I swung the machine over the wet sand and although at full sensitivity it wasn't too bad so I just knocked sensitivity down to 6 and lost some of the feedback without losing depth. Beach Mode automatically notches out 0-15 on the VDI to take out ferrous signals and help eliminate a lot of the ground noise/feedback you'd associate with mineralised ground. It's a good simple setting producing a single medium tone for ID's 16-99 on the VDI.

Testing on the wet sand I got on well. Everything found during the test was left in the holes so each machine had the chance to swing over the marked targets. This was as close to a natural test bed as possible. It found all targets plus a few others. Iron was ignored or gave a scratchy negative tone, everything else a medium tone which meant diggable. Playing around with the modes, I found Park Mode with full sensitivity was perfect on the dry sand. The only time it faltered was crossing the dry/wet border which is to be expected.

Finds were deep on the dry sand and had me scooping out more sand than initially expected. The Park 1 Mode offers three-tones including non-ferrous tones. Ring pulls are far easier to identify in this mode over Beach. Personally, it's irrelevant as I'll dig any positive tone on the beach as some jewellery can give tones identically to ring pulls or bottle caps.

TEST BED

GOLD: Dry sand testing showed it up to be a deep seeker. The wet sand test pushed it to the edge and, although a little noisy, the ring was being detected down to the blackish sand at 9-10".

SILVER: Excellent performance on the silver and the 12kHz frequency is perfect for high conductors and adds to its all-round performance. Even on edge the silver coin was detected at good depth.

BUTTON: Tricky little multi construction piece is this button and gave up a good fight. It had no issue down to around 6" but then switched to a single 1-way tone deeper. It was still a diggable signal, so nothing was lost there.

SILVER & IRON: The Simplex+ employs good reactivity and this showed as it ploughed through the first 6-7" of depth placing the silver coin at various points in the hole with the iron. As with the button, at greater depths I got a 1-way tone when the coin was fully masked by the iron. You'd dig this signal, so rest assured you wouldn't miss much in these circumstances.



Unsung Hero: Garrett Pro-Pointer AT

During the test my pinpointer of choice was the Garrett Pro-Pointer AT. I've always used this model inland and at the beach without any issue. If you ever find it falsing, turn it off, hold it against the sand or mineralised soil, and turn back on. It's now balanced against the offending anomaly.



Finds bag of choice

Here's a tough one. My bag of choice inland is the NEW **Searcher** Finds + Tool Pro Bag which features, amongst other things, a mesh bottom which sand will just fall straight through and leave you with cleaner finds and/or less mess in you car on the way home. The other option is the Searcher Dual Finds Bag which is fully submersible, can be hung around the waist from your belt or be an over the shoulder bag. It's perfect for wading in the sea or just being used in wet conditions due to it being mostly a mesh construction. With that in mind you will also get the added benefit of leaving the sand on the beach and not carrying it home.

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Introduction

First seen at September Detectival 2019, the Mini Hoard is now ready for release and will soon be in the hands of many 4-8 year olds. I've had the pleasure of recording its performance and what follows next is my account of its use on a full size test bed, on the beach and in the hands of a 4 and 5 year old. Also launched (but not tested here) is the Midi Hoard which is aimed at 8-12+ year olds, priced at £114.95.

Over the last four years, there's been a huge influx of machines hitting the market which try to cover all the bases but they have missed one. The sector that's been neglected is the entry level, not the starter adult machines that are talked about regularly on social media but the level at which children enter the hobby and excitedly pick up their first machine.

There are machines with hardware that can be adjusted to suit a child's stature but the complexity of the machine and its RRP does not inspire a parent or guardian to purchase one exclusively for their child. This in turn, doesn't encourage them to choose detecting over one of the many other distracting technologies available to them.

Features and benefits

So, on to the machine and why it is the clear choice to inspire the budding detectorist. It sports a bright green finish, **emoji display icons** and is a scaled down version of a full size machine.

Its features are definitely in line with their target users: An arm cup for stability adorns the top of the machine - which isn't seen on any other detector aimed at 4-8 year olds. It's the **first and only fully waterproof machine** in its category and is robust, which is an essential feature for a child's machine. Once in hand, the machine is likely to follow them everywhere. Beach, park, field, you name it, they will love it like their previous favourite possession, so it's going to get dropped and bumped a lot.

The **adjustable stem** allows useable measurements from a micro 63cm to a full length 89cm. Meaning that although based on certain ages, it can be adjusted to suit those outside the target user group ... yes parents, that means you!

There are features on the machine

that are clearly inspired by other machines in the Nokta|Makro stable. The **camlock on the stem** is the same as on the SIMPLEX+. You do not see the coil cable and that is indicative of the development of the IMPACT which is a fantastic machine. The **6" coil** is naturally unique to the Mini Hoard but still comes with a **coil cover** to protect from all the swinging.

The LCD screen is very clear and the user interface is easy to navigate. The two bordered sections at the top, offer on the left, a thumbs down emoji for ferrous targets and on the right a thumbs up emoji for those non-ferrous finds.

There's also a **multi-coloured LED** which works in tandem with the emojis and lights **red for negative, green for positive and blue when switching on/off**. The LED also changes colour while pinpointing, and turns from red-yellow-green when at the centre. On the screen three piles of sand offer the user an idea of depth of find, ranging from 1 pile for shallow, 2 for medium and 3 for deep. The **battery icon** shows a thumbs up for batteries good and thumbs down for a prompt to change them.

The detector is powered by 2 x AA batteries, which I must add have been very good. With around 12 hours testing the thumb is still up. The right hand on/off button is also used to toggle between the **All Metal Mode** and the **Iron Discrimination Mode**, whilst the button on the left is the **Pinpoint**



mode. The styling gives reassurance to the user that this is a machine designed to find more than 'surface drops' so they'll go out into the garden or field full of confidence. Mini also comes as a full kit – Mini Hoard Cool Kit including a sand scoop, sifter, 4 sets of stickers and 4 treasure marks. Price £114.95

In the field

The performance was pleasing for me as an adult and absolutely incredible to my friend's 4 and 5 year olds. At the camping field, previous 'kids' detectors had failed to pick up even the larger items such as tent pegs or the odd 50p surface find. The mini hoard had no problem at all and using **The Searcher** digging knife we were popping out

the odd coin at depths expected of machines costing far more and designed specifically for adults. The pinpoint function is perfectly set in the middle of the coil which limits the damage to the finds when digging.

On the beach

I briefly took the Mini Hoard to the beach and tested it on wet and dry sand. On dry sand, it acted without fault and, although to start with, I was only finding the usual ring pulls and bottle caps, it was accurate by showing the thumbs down icon on the few bits of iron I passed over. I knew this because during the test I dug every target just to be sure.

On wet sand I adjusted the Iron

Discrimination and it settled down and was stable. On my wet sand test bed it managed to find a 9ct gold ring at approximately 4" deep. The area I was on is known for Victorian coins and .303 bullet tips. The Mini Hoard did not let me down. A large Victorian penny (corroded) was located at around 4-5".

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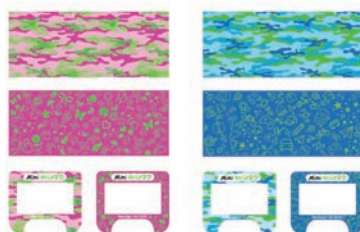
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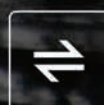
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Artillery, ordinance, bombs and bullets from the River Thames

Part 1 | Nick Stevens

In the first part of this article I'll be showing you a selection of our mudlarking finds from early on in London's military history. Some of these finds have been made using a detector although most have been found by eye.

One of the commonest finds for detectorists as well as us Thames mudlarks is the humble musket ball. **FIGs 1+2.**

They turn up on pretty much every outing sometimes one or two or many more depending on the location. The majority of them are similar in shape and are about the size of a marble. Often, they are quite crudely made and sometimes we find them with casting sprues still on.

This is where the musket ball has retained some excess lead from the stone mould. Handheld iron moulds were also

used to make single shot. This system for producing lead shot was very portable and could be used in preparation for combat anywhere.

Churches and fine houses were often targeted by advancing soldiers as the window lead could be scavenged to make ammunition.

Dating musket balls is quite tricky as they were in use from the 15th until the 19th century. Civil War in Britain during the 17th century saw an increase in demand with thousands being delivered in barrels to the infantry and cavalry.

In 1782 William Watts of Bristol patented a unique system for mass-producing lead shot. After seeing a burning church he noticed how melted window lead falling into a puddle had created perfectly round lead balls.

Watts built his first shot tower at his home in Bristol. Erecting a small tower and digging out his basement he achieved a drop of 90'.

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FIG 1 Crude musket balls with casting sprues **FIG 2** Finely moulded musket balls

From the top of the tower molten lead would be poured through a copper sieve and fall into a cold-water basin at the bottom. By changing the height of the drop different size shot could be made. Not only did Watts' method produce better quality shot it could produce thousands every day. Watts' patent was quickly adopted and shot towers sprung up around the world.

In 1789 Watts helped construct a shot tower in London next to Waterloo Bridge on the south side of the river. A second tower was built on an adjacent site in 1830 that remained on London's skyline until its demolition in 1935.

The examples in **FIG 3** are called 'dumb bell' or 'bar shot'. The design is similar to cannon shot where two cannon balls separated by a bar are fired as one. This would have had a twisting effect when fired although accuracy may not have been so great.

As well as a steady supply of musket balls 17th century soldiers would also have needed to be able to measure out the correct amount of gunpowder for each firing. To do this they would have needed a powder measure. These little lead containers are often found squashed

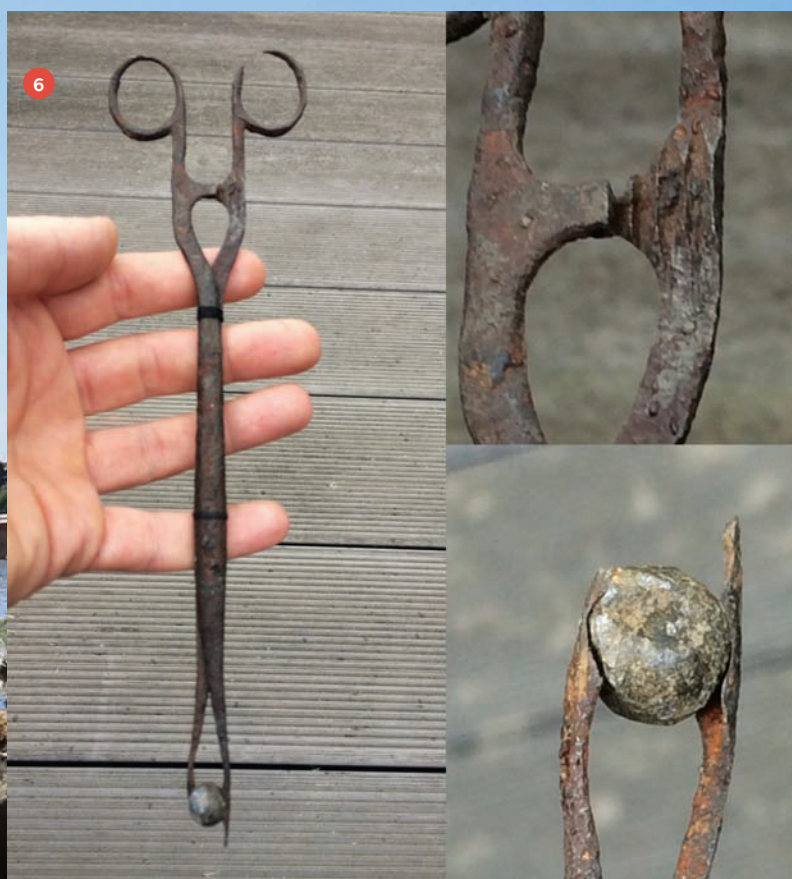
The giveaway is the two little loops at the base. These would've been used to secure the measure so it wasn't lost. The powder measure, when not in use, was also the top to the powder horn or container. Being made of lead it would have kept the powder dry and prevented any stray sparks from igniting the supply. **FIGs 4+5** are a few that I have found over the years.

Victorian era musket ball retrieving tweezers, **FIG 6**. Also known as bullet forceps. These ended up in my junk bucket for a while as I just thought they were a long pair of scissors. After removing the in-cased crud it soon became obvious they were used for something a bit more specific. I wondered if the scooped end was for grasping something round and as I had a musket ball to hand I tried it. Amazingly it was a perfect fit. A quick web search confirmed their identity.

I also discovered that these would've been an essential part of a ship's surgeon's kit bag. What is so clever about them is the locking mechanism just below the finger holes. Once the musket ball is grasped, the forceps lock tight allowing the user to remove their fingers whilst the forceps remain locked on to the musket ball.

This action would have made the operation a little easier. As well as removing the lead shot the surgeon would also need to clean out any fragments of clothing that entered the wound at the same time as this was the main cause of infection.

FIG 3 Dumb bell or bar musket shot **FIG 4** 17th C Powder measure **FIG 5** Squashed powder measure **FIG 6** Victorian era musket ball retrieving tweezers. Also known as bullet forceps.





Sometimes bone fragments become loose and care was needed not to damage nerves or arteries.

Bullet wounds needed to be treated as soon as possible as the wound will begin to close up making the procedure much harder to perform. A steady supply of grog would've no doubt helped the patient endure such an agonising experience.

A few years ago, mudlarker Pete Wakeman uncovered an amazing find **figs 7+8**. This flintlock pistol, dating from the around the mid 18th century, likely started its life as a military issue weapon. Unfortunately, we'll never know the last person to own it or why it ended up being discarded into the river. It does make you wonder if it was used for dubious reasons and so needed to be disposed of quickly.

The flintlock required a piece of flint to strike a steel called the frizzen in order to cause the required spark and superseded the matchlock and wheel lock mechanism for firing. Guns like these were also used as duelling pistols.

Although the flintlock was an advanced weapon for its time it still had its drawbacks. Moisture was a major issue. This would result in the weapon not firing and meant therefore that it couldn't be used in rainy or humid conditions. A poorly knapped flint would result in a weak spark and so re-cocking and re-firing would be needed, taking up more time. Not ideal if in the heat of battle.

Accidental and miss-firing was also a danger. If any embers were still in the breach then reloading powder could cause the gun to discharge. There was also the risk that an adjacent gun's sparks could set off another weapon. This was a hazard when soldiers were fighting in close combat. **FIG 8** shows a close up of the firing mechanism. Incredibly the original gunflint is still in place.

FIG 9 is another example of a cruddy lump of iron that sat in my junk bucket for a few months before discovering what it was. When I first spotted this find I'd a hunch that it was something interesting and after some time, gently removing layers of rust and crud, it revealed itself to be the frizzen section of an 18th century flintlock pistol.

The intricate iron lever mechanism on the inside is still in place and is all held together with iron rivets.

As a lover of prehistoric worked flint when I found my first flintlock pistol flint I thought it was a superb example of a Neolithic scraper. I soon learned what it really was and have since found two more – **FIG 10**.

For a while there was quite an industry in Britain producing these flints and from 1792 the small town of Brandon in Suffolk produced the best quality flints in the world. Brandon also pioneered a new manufacturing technique. By modifying the French method three gunflints could be created from a single flake. This helped speed up production and by 1804 the Brandon pits were providing over 40,000 flints a month to the British army. The industry continued in Brandon well into the late 20th century.

FIGs 11+12 are stone musket ball moulds found on the Thames foreshore. Note that the second mould was designed to create two gauges of shot. The channels are there so that excess lead can be poured off before it cools. It's these channels that give the musket balls the sprues that must be trimmed off and then filed smooth before firing. 17th-18th Century.



FIG 7 18th century military issue flintlock pistol. Finder & photo-Pete Wakeman **FIG 8** 18th century military issue flintlock pistol. Finder & photo-Pete Wakeman **FIG 9** Musket 'frizzen' **FIG 10** 18th century gunflints **FIGS 11+12** Stone musket ball moulds – image Copyright PAS



Stone cannon balls also known as gunstones were widely used during the 15th and 16th centuries until the change to iron around 1630 – **FIG 13**. They're usually made from a very hard limestone called Kentish ragstone, which is a native rock to southern England. They would've been hand carved from stone blocks with wooden gauges used to ensure uniformity.

Irregular sized stone cannon balls excavated from the Mary Rose suggest that many were finished on-site before being ready for use. Stone ones had a tendency to break upon impact suggesting that perhaps two of the examples in **FIG 12** had been fired.

During the 14th and 15th century the armaments factory at the Tower of London was producing stone cannon balls as well as gunpowder, bow staves and arrows.

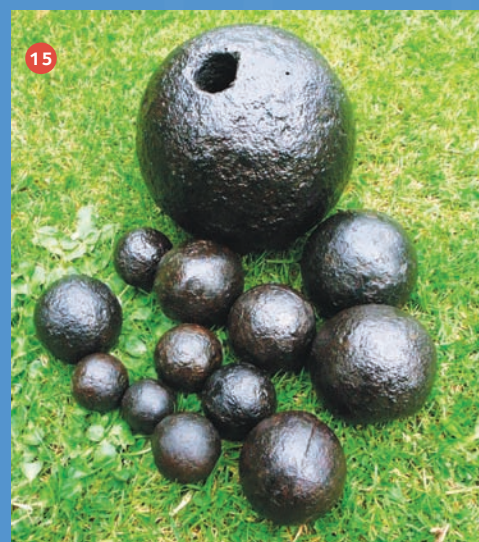
The find in **FIG 14** was a bit of a head scratcher when it came up but is now one of my favourite finds. At first, I thought it was a strange fishing weight of some sort. The copper wire was all very twisted and the two lead weights were stuck together with mud.

After some gentle cleaning and untwisting it became obvious that the two weights or balls could now slide along the lengths of copper wire. I then imagined what would happen if this was used as a projectile? Once it left the barrel of a gun the two lead balls would spread apart and spin around each other. It's a crude version of expanding shot where two cannon balls are linked together by a sliding bar or chain. This type of projectile was very effective at taking down sails and rigging.

Whether this shot was intended for human combat or for hunting animals it's hard to tell but I love the simplicity of the design and workmanship that would have gone into making it.

Cannon balls and iron shot are rare and are always exciting to find – **FIGs 15, 16 & 17**. Sometimes when we find one we can find one or two more in the same place and unlike musket balls they come in many sizes from small iron shot to huge cannon balls.

Hollow cannon balls called grenades or mortars would've been filled with shot and gunpowder. Sometimes a fuse would have been used to ensure it exploded.



The smaller iron shot is likely to have been grape shot or canister shot. Packed into a bag or container hundreds of these could be fired at once and were very effective at bringing down troops and cavalry.

Examples of exploded mortar shot and cannon balls can set the imagination running. Were these removed from ships having returned from battle?

The images below show a selection of cannon balls and iron shot from the river. The variety of sizes are an example of the many different types of cannon. With names like demi-cannon, carronade, culverin, long nine, asker and minion. After the removal of rust and a rub down they often resemble their original condition.

In the second part of this article I will be sharing with you a selection of mudlarking finds from both world wars. ●



FIG 13 15th–17th century Stone cannon balls **FIG 14** Expanding musket shot **FIG 15** Various cannon shot. Mortar shot at top **FIG 16** Various sizes of cannon balls and iron shot **FIG 17** Cannon and mortar cannon ball fragments

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With social media now becoming part of everyday life and 65% of the world population now using Facebook, Twitter and other websites there's no surprise web developers are coming up with ideas to target specific audiences.

In the last few weeks, a new website has emerged, www.detectornetwork.com. A FREE social media platform purely for metal detecting enthusiasts worldwide. Detector Network soft launched on 8 May and have had almost 400 sign ups so far, with people signing up from the UK, USA, Canada, Ukraine, Poland, France, Argentina, Ecuador, Spain, Netherlands, Australia and more.

So, who is behind the idea? Scott Holden, a web developer and small digital agency owner and his brother Ashley, who is a keen detectorist. They felt that most forums are antiquated and can be difficult to use. They're also fully aware that there are a lot of issues with other social media platforms and how they handle privacy.

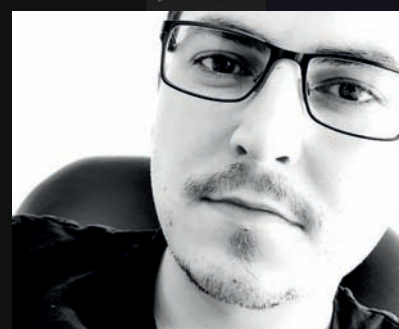
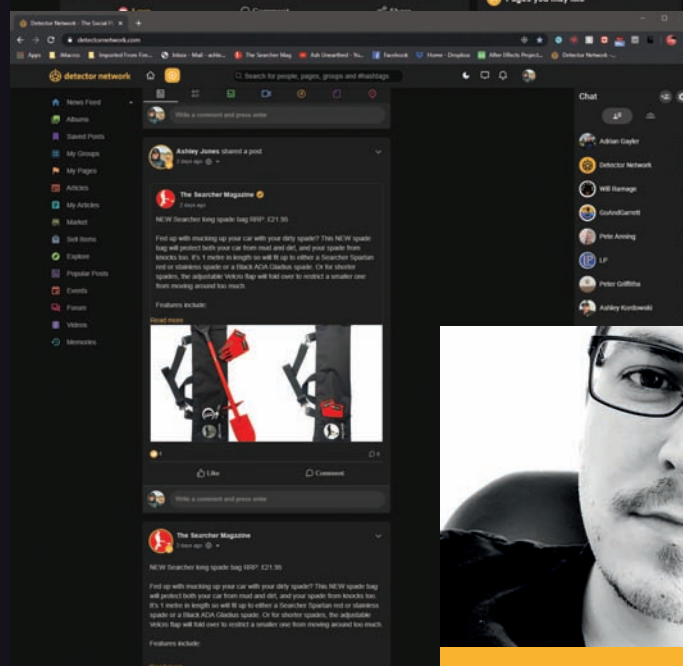
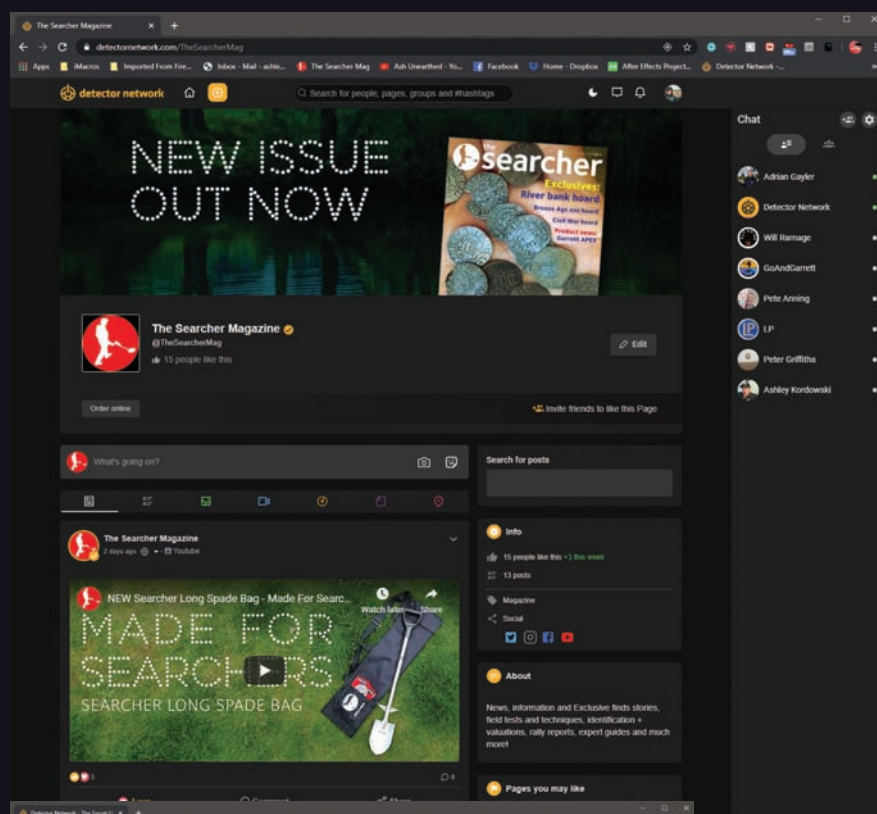
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- **Plus, many other features, news and information.**

In the coming months Scott has plans to integrate a multi-vendor eCommerce function to allow shops and other retailers to list products and sell directly through the site.

I've been using the platform for a few weeks now and it's very user friendly. Easy to navigate around its various functions as well as allowing full customisation within your profile, groups and pages. Day/Night mode is very pleasing to the eye and can be toggled by a simple click, along with updating your profile and uploading images of your finds and detecting days out! The platform has regional groups to allow you to meet and talk to other enthusiasts in your local area.



A few words from Scott:

"Feedback has been highly positive and I'm due to release the Android app version it within the next few weeks, followed by iOS. The platform will be regularly updated with new features, competitions, giveaways and more. We have exciting plans for Detector Network over the coming months. Our long-term goal is to be the number one social platform for metal detecting worldwide".

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A new live streaming function has been added to allow users to stream directly to the platform via desktop and the forthcoming mobile apps will allow more accessibility for people to share their finds live from the field or beach!

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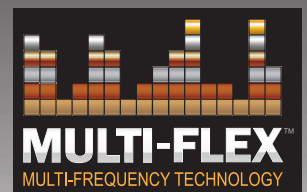
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Have you ever driven down a country lane, and wondered why on earth there were so many bends and turns in it? Why couldn't the ancients have carved up the countryside a bit more effectively? A few straight roads never hurt anyone; look at the Romans for instance. Well, here's a story which shows that not even the Romans were above adding a bend to a road. Especially when the alternative would be to drive it straight through someone's home!

A couple of years ago I gained permission on four small fields just outside the village I'd been visiting for the last 20 years. I had few hopes for many finds turning up, as these had gradually petered out with increasing distance from the village centre; and this new land was even further away. However I'd not taken into account the small, fast-flowing stream that ran close to all four fields. We are so used to turning on the tap when thirsty that we sometimes forget that the presence of fresh water was vital to anyone setting up a home or farmstead only a few hundred years ago. Or even further back in time.

As usual (for me), I'd little to show from my first couple of visits to this particular field. Then the first Roman bronze coin turned up. I always say to myself, if it's an early large bronze like a sestertius, well those can be found singly all over the place; it doesn't necessarily mean that more Roman finds are round the corner. But a 3rd or 4th century coin; that's another story. They often herald the start of finding at least a small batch of Roman coins and artefacts. The economy was a lot more monetised by this time; prior to this, goods and services would be exchanged and paid for by bartering and by payments in kind.

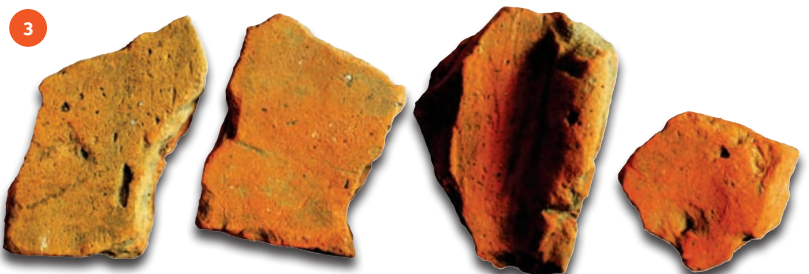
This first Roman coin was indeed a small bronze of that date, so I was immediately alert, slowing down my detecting sweep. Sure enough, over the next few visits, several dozen coins surfaced, both for me and my detecting partner Pat. There must surely be nothing more exciting than discovering a new productive site! Most of the coins were corroded and badly chipped by the plough, but occasionally a nice one would come up and change the day.



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They ranged in date from the late 1st century AD to the very end of the Roman era in this country, i.e. the late 300's/ early 400's AD. The best are shown in **FIGS 1 and 2**. The coin at the top of **FIG 1** is the only denarius that I've found so far from this site; one of Antoninus Pius; Pat found one other (of course in much better condition!). Very battered and chipped, but I always love finding Roman silver!

You might think that these coins aren't that great in terms of condition, but in the hand they look better. They are the sort of coins that when you try to wipe the mud off, it doesn't just stick there, indicating the rough surface of a corroded coin, but instead reveals intricate detail, seen for the first time in many centuries. I love to wonder what these coins were last used to purchase, all those centuries ago.



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As I continued to find coins, I began to mentally map out the more productive regions of the field. One of them seemed to coincide with a pronounced kink in the adjacent road. Finally the penny dropped that the strange clusters of large round flints, pieces of red tile and greyware pottery that were strewn about in this area could only mean one thing; a Romano-British building.

I handed in a few pieces of red tile and was gratified to learn that yes indeed, they were examples of both floor and roof tiles of the Roman period (**FIG 3**). Wow! This was my first ever confirmed Roman building. I am certain that this explains the sharp bend in the road. Approximately 1700 years ago the road did not describe a random curve in the middle of nowhere; it respected what must have been a fairly substantial Romano-British farmstead (**FIG 4**).

It's quite eerie, standing in an ordinary-looking field, trying to imagine a solid-looking, flint-walled, red tiled building standing there, when now there is nothing. If only we could take a glimpse of the scene, when human activity at this farmstead was at its peak. What would we see? The scarcity of denarii, and the absence of any floor tesserae (mosaic tiles) suggested to me that despite being able to build a Roman-style dwelling, the inhabitants did not enjoy life at the higher end of the social scale (unluckily for me!). That said, they could still afford a few luxuries.

FIG 1 (From top); Antoninus Pius denarius, 153-4; Victorinus (obverse only), 269-71; irregular Tetricus (obverse only), 275-86; Constantine I, c.311-12; irregular Constantine I, c.319-30; Crispus, 323-4; Constantine II, 330-5; Constantius II, 330-5; Urbs Roma House of Constantine, 330-5 **FIG 2** (From top); Constantine II, 335-7; Constans, 335-7; Constantius 337-41; Constans, 337-41; Constantius II, 348-61; Magnentius, 351-3; Gratian, 367-75; Valens, 367-75 **FIG 3** Ceramic tiles from proposed Romano-British building site; three floor tiles and one tegula roof tile, mid 1st-4th century **FIG 4** Map of the 8 acre field showing the kink in the road, on the inside of which lie ceramic building material, large flints, greyware pot sherds and Roman coins **FIG 5** Trumpet brooch (AD c. 50-200) and Dolphin brooch (1st century AD)



Over the next few months I dug up two brooches, several bracelet fragments, furniture decorations and other personal items which showed that these Romanised Iceni were probably not living a hand-to-mouth existence (**FIGS 5-12**). If you think that coins are exciting to find, then artefacts are surely just the best. Of course a coin was important, but it was soon forgotten when lost; in contrast an artefact really meant something personal to its owner.

Obviously, use of this field didn't come to an abrupt halt when the Roman period merged into the Saxon era and beyond. Interspersed with the 1st-4th century finds were coins and artefacts from later periods.

In fact, the immediate area of the Roman building site produced not only a nice Edward III halfgroat, but also a lovely Carolingian ansate brooch (**FIGS 13,14**). **FIGS 15-20** show some of the nicer finds dating from the 5th to the 15th centuries which were also rescued from this field. That said, most of the pottery and other finds are Roman, suggesting that people were actually living in this field only during that period; all later finds were probably brought to the field when it was manured.

What happened to these Romano-British people, who invested so much into building their home here and farming this land? Did they give up a perhaps meagre existence, to move on to more productive land? Or was there a more sinister end to this story, caused by Anglo-Saxon invaders moving in and claiming the land for their own?



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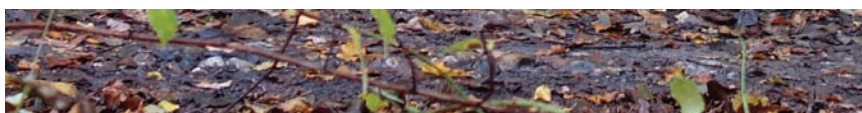
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As with most of what we do in this amazing hobby, I was presented with a few tantalising fragments of evidence left behind in the ploughsoil, the merest hint of the drama which caused an extended family, that had lived on this spot for generations, to disappear.

So the next time you are driving through the countryside, scanning the horizon for fields that look promising and which might have possibilities (am I the only one that drives my partner wild, doing this?), spare some of your attention to the bends and wriggles in the road itself; they might tell more of a story than you might otherwise think! ●

FIG 6 Crudely stamped lead die AD 43–409 **FIG 7** Roman key handle, AD 200–409 **FIG 8** Roman ring-key, 3rd–4th century **FIG 9** Roman lead steelyard weight, 12 oz **FIG 10** Roman copper alloy furniture fittings, 1st–4th century **FIG 11** Roman bracelet fragments, AD 250–409 **FIG 12** Roman flagon lid, 2nd–3rd century (found by Pat Buckley)

FIG 13 Edward III halfgroat, Pre-Treaty Series C, London, 1351–2 **FIG 14** Carolingian/Anglo Saxon Ansate brooch, AD 800–1000 **FIG 15** Medieval horse harness pendant, 'Or a lion rampant Gules', possibly for Felbrigg, late 13th–14th century. **FIG 16** Large (87 mm) medieval rotary key, 13th–14th century **FIG 17** Early Saxon tweezers, c. 450–550 AD **FIG 18** Medieval box or 'house' from set of nested cup weights, 15th century **FIG 19** Medieval double-looped buckle decorated with 18 rounded lobes, 15th century **FIG 20** Medieval blue enamel and gilt buckle plate, c. 1150–1225



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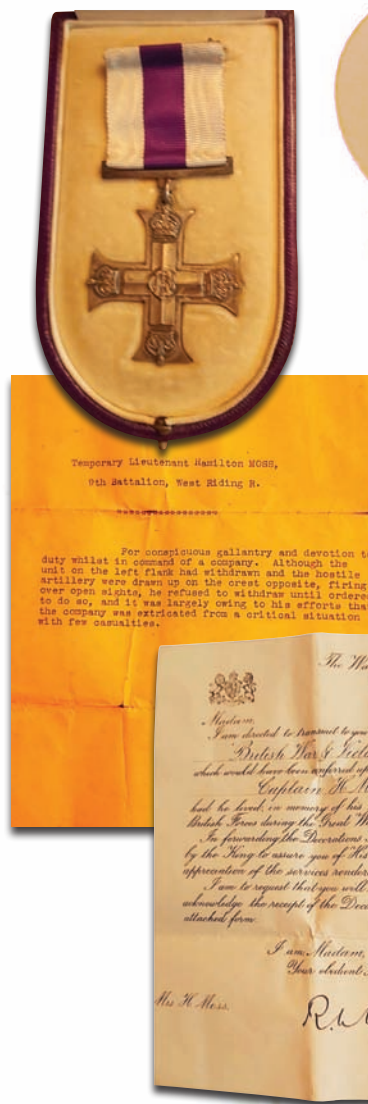
Jan Moss



I'm a relative newcomer to the hobby – I always wanted a detector even as a young girl, finding 'treasure' and things buried not touched by human hand for many years, has always fascinated me.

My other passion has long been genealogy and my late brother, and I used to spend ages trying to find out all about our ancestors long before sites like Ancestry.co.uk (or even the internet) existed.

Despite joining the Two Dales MDC in West Yorkshire, and being a regular monthly visitor to it for the last three or four years after my husband bought me a Maplin machine to keep me quiet. I wasn't really able to go out searching as every weekend was spent renovating a property over an hour's drive away.



Eventually we finally finished the refurb last year and I was free to go detecting; however, I found my Maplin fell a little short of the mark and just before lockdown I purchased the Vanquish 540 Pro Plus – the top end model mostly as I was sick of headphones with wires that I broke on a very regular basis!

I'm truly blessed to have a permission just the other side of the road from me on a private estate of 60 acres and I started to have fantastic success. Just after lockdown this little elephant turned up.

I had no idea what it was until my detecting buddy, Colin Smith, (of June edition's hoard fame) suggested I look up military cap badges. I managed to find it, but it was actually a lapel badge – one from the Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment.

That rang a bell as I was sure my grandfather's brother, Hamilton Moss who was killed in the First World War and gained the Military Cross for his bravery, was in that regiment. I went to look up the photograph we have of him and I couldn't believe my eyes when I found it.

He is wearing it on his uniform!

I was always immensely proud of Great Uncle Hamilton and we have all the memorabilia surrounding his bravery in the Great War. He's buried in The Auchonvillers Military Cemetery in France and it's on my bucket list to go and visit his grave and pay my respects. I always think of him during the two minute silence on Remembrance Day and finding this elephant just felt like it was 'meant to be'.

Obviously, this won't be his but what a strange coincidence to find it in the field opposite me when I live in North Yorkshire and he lived in Sunderland – I wasn't even sure why he was in the West Riding of Yorkshire Regiment in the first place. Although I've subsequently been told that men were conscripted wherever there was a gap at the time.

This little elephant, although of no monetary value, will be kept in pride of place along with Great Uncle Hamilton's other treasures. ●

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After a little more research, I realised that my article on Saskia's clasp (June issue) was not finished and that the whole thing had taken on a life of its own. I can't get nearer the truth, but I can present all of the facts that have been thrown up by this further research.



One of our Parish churches in Jersey is St Lawrence Church. It's in the middle of the Island and has a carving in the granite that I was directed to. I found it 8' up on the south-east buttress. The granite block has been set lengthways, which I'm certain isn't the correct orientation for the carving, but as the blocks have been re-cycled from the 7th century I'm just pleased that they've been reused where the carving can be seen.

We can't date our churches with any accuracy as they've been expanded, altered, partially knocked down and rebuilt over the centuries to accommodate the changing needs of parishioners but this one was probably started in the 12th century, replacing a previous chapel and reusing the stone.

Just as I arrived, it started raining so I went inside and purchased a booklet which told me some of the church's history. Back outside the rain was heavier than ever so I decided to return at night to photograph the carving using a torch at the side to create shadows and hopefully achieve improved definition.

However, the plans of man are often laughed at by the gods, and it was a week before the weather calmed down. I drove up on a still, dry night, only to find the church floodlit, making photography of the Hexagon impossible. The booklet I purchased calls the carvings 'Celtic crosses' which introduces another entirely new dimension. But it's interesting that an entwined hexagon has come from an early Christian altar, the meaning of which has been lost in time.

The carving, in certain lights, looks to have a double cross on the bottom and this is where Saskia's clasp has been broken off in antiquity. This leads me to believe that the stone must have stood upright originally with the hexagon at the top.

I knew that my FLO, was submitting Saskia's clasp as a nomination to The Searcher's Nations' Greatest Finds Competition based on an article by author John McCormack and supports his conclusion that it was a pilgrim's badge.

I though, had already rejected that conclusion and decided that it wasn't relevant to my article. This, on the face of it, is arrogant of me – a mere detectorist of little formal education disagreeing with an academic and, his FLO. However, I stand by my opinion and this is why ...

The Catholic pilgrim sites are well known and documented and their badges were produced in their thousands. Often made of lead before the industrial revolution, they were a cheap pre-production line tourist memento, so that the devout could take a keepsake home.



A few were made of precious metal for the rich Catholics but they've long ago been melted down, although there may be one or two that have survived in museums but I am not aware of any.

Saskia's clasp is neither lead or a precious metal but made of some sort of metal alloy. Does it seem logical, with hundreds of these items found or dredged for in rivers and sewers over the ages that hers, the only one ever found of this type, is a Pilgrim's badge?

I could, of course, be shouted down by people of much learning but I've always been forthright and will challenge academia if I think they're wrong.

Saskia has now found a plague cross in the same field and which you can see here – perhaps the find site is an old burial ground? But I think the area will need ground radar to investigate it thoroughly. ●

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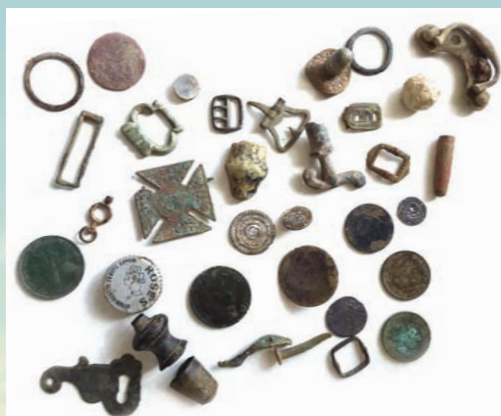
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I've been detecting for a number of years and also creating jewellery in my spare time. I started making jewellery when my wife said she'd like a gold bangle. I immediately started looking at prices in jewellery shops and realised that it was going to be expensive. I said 'I could make that!'; brave words from me.



Combining two hobbies!

BRIAN HAMMOND



Having never made any jewellery before I needed advice and help and researched the subject.

I came across a jewellery teaching course in Dorset from a company called Flux and Flame. I attended a three day course of very helpful and 'hands on' teaching and happily left with a gold bangle for my wife – twice the weight of the one in the jeweller's shop and half the price. I've since attended several other courses and have now obtained my own hallmark.

This brings me to how I've combined my detecting skills with my jewellery ones. I've straightened numerous silver spoons for fellow detectorists. Some of which bring history alive when you check the hallmarks; one in particular was 1788 which coincided with the first convict ship going to Australia.

Additionally I've been asked to copy treasure items detectorists have found which have been claimed and acquired by museums. One in particular was a silver Saxon strap end. Other examples include: straightening a silver ear scoop/nail cleaner, made signet rings with copies of Roman coins and copied a silver unit I unearthed.

Detectorists in particular like to have a copy of their finds, artefacts straightened out, or jewellery made from their finds – recycling at its best!

On occasion I have made wedding rings for friends and both my daughter's and my son's wedding rings. I'd been at a local permission, detecting and finding the usual cartridge ends and coppers when up came a very worn and rusty silver Victorian penknife.

On returning home I washed it off and left it next to the sink. My son was visiting and seeing it he asked 'Is that my wedding ring?' He'd decided that he wanted a silver ring and preferably made out of something I'd found. I proceeded to strip the penknife down and removed the rusty blades. This left me with 29 grams of silver to work with.

I realised that I could get two rings out of this amount of silver – a plain one as a token to remember and the other as the actual wedding ring which I faceted. At each stage of the project, I carefully took photos so that I could make a photobook of the history of making the rings.

I presented it to him on his wedding day including a photo of the field the penknife was originally found with details of the grid reference – a lasting memory. ●



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This might be the last edition of the Identification and Valuation Desk to appear in *The Searcher*. Due to a number of factors, not the least of which has been the coronavirus outbreak, the number of finds sent in has been fewer than in the past.

It's over 20 years since I started to put together this section of the magazine on a monthly basis. I began when Carolyn Hatt, at the time editor of *The Searcher*, asked me to take over what had been the Price Guide section. We renamed it as the Identification and Valuation Desk and it speedily became very popular. Starting with three pages it soon took up four pages, then five, then six. Over the first couple of years I had an assistant but each of them came and went and I eventually did everything myself. Carolyn and I had a relationship based upon mutual respect and trust and her death in January of 2004 was a great loss to everyone who had known her and to metal detecting as a hobby, for its best interests were always close to her heart.

Amongst the coins sent in have been several excessively rare Ancient British and Roman in gold, silver and base metal; dozens of Anglo-Saxon and Norman rarities, including many previously unknown reign, type, mint and moneyer combinations; several excessively rare Plantagenet coins, including the third known penny of Richard I from the Litchfield mint; later hammered silver coins have included a host of rarities, a recent example being a Chester shilling of Charles I, which sold for £26,000; amongst the milled silver coins have been no less than four shillings of William III with outstanding errors; several rarities in the hammered gold series, some of which have been featured over recent months; a high number of milled gold coins have appeared over the years, often in remarkable condition. Some Scottish coins are not as rare today as they were 20 years since: for example, pennies of Stephen from the Carlisle mint and pennies and halfpennies of Robert Bruce. However, I've featured a few that are still incredibly rare or unique; the

latter includes a piedfort halfpenny of Robert Bruce and a Charles I six shilling piece dated 1629. Irish rarities include an Edward IV 'crown' coinage halfgroat and a penny of Richard III. Added to the British material are all the foreign coins that have been featured over the years. The most important artefact I can think of was a gilded bronze Anglo-Saxon seal matrix, which was acquired by the Fitzwilliam Museum.

Seeing what came in via the Royal Mail or in emails could be very exciting, when I recognised something that was really special. In some cases background research could take ages but for an outstanding coin or artefact this didn't matter, as it usually led to an interesting write-up. Of course, some things that were sent in could be frustrating if the images were unclear, the metal uncertain and the size not given. I always stressed the need for clear images, the size and the metal but there was often one or more missing. However, even with rotten pictures and without other information I often managed to come up with identifications.

So, if you would like advice on identifications and valuations, then keep sending in details of your finds. If you use the Royal Mail then do enclose a stamped addressed envelope for my reply. Postage today is outrageously expensive and I cannot guarantee to reply unless a SAE or return postage is enclosed with inquiries.

Peter D. Spencer.

TUDOR. We featured Tudor period gold half angels in the July and August issues and here is yet another. The first two could be described as great detecting finds but the latest specimen is nothing less than truly outstanding. It came in the day after it was unearthed in Cornwall by Chris Mcloughlin, who initially believed it was a coin of Henry VIII. The coin is only 20mm in diameter but is shown enlarged to highlight its condition and detail. Around the figure of St. Michael on the obverse is a legend reading hEnRIC DI GRA REX An; the mint mark is a rose and all the punctuation marks are in the form of rosettes. Note that there is no VII or VIII after the king's name. Within the inner circle on the reverse is a ship with a rose to the right of the mast and a letter h to the left; on this side the mint and punctuation marks are the same as on the obverse. If you look in J. J. North's *English Hammered Coinage* and the *Standard Catalogue* you will not find a half angel with the characteristics mentioned above. It's a coin of



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Henry VII and in *English Coins 1180-1551* (by Lord Stewartby) a similar coin is listed on page 429 as type IVii (said to be extremely rare) but with a legend ending with REX AG rather than the REX An as on Mr Mcloughlin's find. We did manage to find another specimen; it was lot 488A in the very important collection of hammered gold and silver coins formed by F. A. Walters, which was sold at auction in 1913. The description in the sale catalogue matched Mr Mcloughlin's coin and the Walter's specimen was described as being 'unpublished'. Therefore, the latest half angel is not only in stunning condition, it is also an extreme rarity. Besides a full ID we were also asked to say what we thought this coin could be worth. Well, if it was offered for sale at auction by one of the leading auctioneers then the pre-sale estimate would be no lower than **£3,000-4,000** and with competition in the saleroom the hammer price might break through the upper limit.

MEDIEVAL. Pictured here is a very nice finger ring, which was found by David Dickinson, who said it could have originally belonged to a person of high status. It is made of gold and is set with a cabochon sapphire; the internal diameter is about 19mm (shown enlarged) and the ring most probably dates from the 13th century. The area where the hoop joins the bezel is in the form of animal heads with wide-open mouths. Some collectors like to wear rings dating from the medieval period but many are too small to fit modern-day fingers; at 19mm this one is a reasonably good size. There is wear to the exterior of the hoop but the ring is intact and the setting for the gem is of a type we haven't seen before. There also being an inscription inside the hoop, albeit worn, which reads *Ave Maria Gracia Plena* (Hail Mary Full of Grace), is another plus point. Yes, a ring as attractive and complicated as this one would have been affordable only by someone of high status.



It is made of gold and is set with a cabochon sapphire

Quite rightly, Mr Dickinson has reported this find under the Treasure Act. We gave him the same advice we give to anyone who unearths a Treasure find - that is to simply let matters run their course. If a museum wishes to acquire this find (highly likely) then after it is declared by a coroner to be Treasure Mr Dickinson will eventually receive a provisional valuation. If at that stage he is uncertain as to whether or not the valuation figure is in line with the current market value then he will be at liberty to seek advice from an expert on medieval finger rings. Interestingly, Mr Dickinson said he located the ring whilst using an XP Deus machine in October of 2019. It turned up on a field that he and other detectorists have been searching for 30 years! This is yet another example that proves some sites can still have treasures waiting to be found, even after decades of searching. It is also a tribute to the extra sensitivity of the latest detecting machines.

ROMAN. This coin is one of the finds recently unearthed by Mr A. R. Button of Lincolnshire. It's a base metal antoninianus of Carausius, who managed to become the emperor of part of the Roman Empire in AD 287 but was murdered by a close associate in 293. It measures 22mm in diameter but is shown enlarged. The figure (carrying a transverse spear) on the reverse is probably meant to represent Carausius; the legend on this side reads VIRTUS AVG and the letter C at the bottom stands for the mint. The type is not listed by Sear and we have not traced it anywhere else, though it might be in the new corpus when it is completed by Sam Moorhead. Sam has been working on the corpus for years and when it is eventually published he should be awarded an OBE as a recognition of the enormous amount of work it has involved. Fairly obviously, Mr Button's find is an extremely rare type. The obverse has been struck off centre but the coin is otherwise about VF for the issue. An auction estimate for this find would be in the region of **£120-150**. This might not seem like a high price for a rarity but the number of types on record for Carausius is huge and a great many of the coins of this emperor are of considerable rarity.



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EUROPEAN. This coin came in from a detectorist signing himself as Kevin. We were asked to provide the finder with more details, including a valuation. It's a silver sceatta but is a Continental rather than an English issue. On the obverse is a very crude bust; the reverse has a cross pommee in the centre with a pellet in each angle, which is surrounded by a pseudo legend. These characteristics mark out the sceatta as an example of series D, type 2c, of which there are many varieties. The reverse die has been carefully cut but the obverse is so crude that it might be an imitation. However, if it is an imitation this would have no impact on its possible commercial value. The obverse is about VF and the reverse would grade VF. We gave Kevin a price range based upon how the coin looks in the images we received.



The obverse is about VF

MEDIEVAL. The illustrations featured here are of a very nice halfgroat of Richard II. We show the coin enlarged to highlight its quality. It was unearthed by a detectorist named Andy Frape, who is Treasurer of the Taynton Metal Detecting Club. Andy believed it to be an example of a coin listed by J. J. North in volume II of *English Hammered Coinage* as number 1323. On the obverse the legend reads +RICARD D G REX ANGL Z FRA and all the stops appear to be satires with a wedge above. On the reverse each letter N in LON DON is reversed and the legend ends with MEV. North and the *Standard Catalogue* list coins of this type as belonging to type III; however, there is more than one variety of this type. Lord Stewartby went into more detail on page 263 of *English Coins 1180-1551* and lists halfgroats like the one found by



Andy as being extremely rare. A specimen sold at auction last year was struck from the same obverse die and the reverse was identified as a retouched post-treaty die of Edward III. A standard type III halfgroat of Richard II in similar condition could be expected to sell at auction for around £350. However, the coin sold last year was not as good as the halfgroat illustrated here but the hammer price was £480. Therefore, this example would be likely to sell for even more but how much more would depend on the extent of competition between prospective buyers. Andy is a member of the admin team on UKDN and said he would like to thank Rich T for the initial ID on his find.

We show the coin enlarged to highlight its quality

EUROPEAN. Kevin Easton sent in the images of these two gold coins but the first was unearthed by his dad and the second by his brother. Each coin came off a field that had been thoroughly searched in the past, which proves – yet again – that productive sites can continue to give up good finds year on year. The first is a gold stater; the obverse is blank so we show just the reverse (enlarged); on which is a disjointed horse facing right and a range of symbols in the field. In the *Standard Catalogue* it is illustrated and listed as number 11 under Gallo-Belgic issues. In *Ancient British Coins* it falls under Gallo-Belgic imports and is as listed as the Gallo-Belgic Uniface type, of which there is a number of varieties. The high points are a bit flat on the reverse of this coin but it is otherwise an exceptional example of a gold stater that started its life across the English Channel.



An exceptional example of a gold stater that started its life across the English Channel

MEDIEVAL. Chris Phillips said he needed help to identify this coin and wondered what sort of value it would have. It's a voided short cross penny (shown enlarged) and the generic type dates between 1180 and 1247. Most of the coins of this type look very similar but subtle differences allow them to be placed into numerous classes and varieties. This specimen was struck during the reign of Richard I and is an example of class III. On the reverse the legend reads +REINALD ON CAN, so Reinald is the moneyer and Canterbury the mint. It is worth mentioning that the majority of pennies of Richard I we see as detecting finds are examples of class IV; class III is much scarcer. The legends on the coin found by Chris are weak in places but the centres are sharp and well struck; the face of King Richard I, in particular, is well above average. The weak areas would push the price down but if it was offered for sale at auction we wouldn't expect the pre-sale estimate to be any lower than **£120-150**.



We illustrate it its actual size and enlarged to show the detail



Most of the coins of this type look very similar

GEORGIAN. Find number two is an early milled gold coin of George I, which is in remarkable condition. It's a quarter guinea dated 1718 and we illustrate it its actual size and enlarged to show the detail. In itself this isn't a rare coin but this specimen cannot have circulated for long before it was lost, for apart from a nick on the neck of George I it's in a wonderful state of preservation for a gold coin that could have been lost 300 years since. Perhaps its small size has helped it to avoid the ravages of time. One thing is certain: Kevin's brother must have been thrilled to bits when he found it.

We illustrate it its actual size and enlarged to show the detail

Most of the coins of this type look very similar

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ROMAN. This batch of four Roman denarii was sent in by Mike Ruczynski of Berkshire. The first is a coin of Hadrian, with an obverse legend reading IMP CAESAR TRAIAN HADRIANVS AVG around the laureate and draped bust of the emperor. On the reverse is Roma, seated on a cuirass whilst holding a spear and the tiny figure of Victory; the legend on this side reads P M TR P COS III. David Sear (in volume II of *Roman Coins and Their Values*) lists the type as number 3519 and dates it to 123 AD. The obverse would grade good VF, the reverse VF, but the flan is a little irregular and there is a striking crack in the edge.



On the reverse is Roma, seated on a cuirass whilst holding a spear

The obverse on denarius number two has been struck off centre and what can be seen of the first part of the legend starts with M ANT; AVG shows up in the second half but the rest is unclear. The head is similar to a few emperors, which could cause problems in regard to identification. However, we pinned it down as a denarius of Commodus as Augustus (AD 177-92). If the full legend on the obverse was visible then it would read M COMM ANT P FEL AVG BRIT. On the reverse the seated figure of Securitas holds a globe and is accompanied by a legend reading SECVR ORB P M TR P XIII; in the exergue, beneath Securitas, is COS V P P. This exact type isn't listed by Sear, number 5694 (dated to AD 189) being the nearest, but it isn't rare. The coin shows little sign of circulation and in terms of wear would grade VF+, so it's a pity that the obverse is off centre.



The head is similar to a few emperors

Number three is a denarius of Geta as Caesar under Septimius Severus and Caracalla. On the obverse is the young head of Geta and a legend reading P SEPT GETA CAES PONT. The reverse has the seated figure of Securitas and a SECVRIT IMPERII legend. Sear lists this type as number 7200 and dates it to AD 202. It's struck on a large flan and is in VF condition but has a minor edge flaw.



A denarius of Geta as Caesar under Septimius Severus and Caracalla

The final coin is a denarius of Antoninus Pius. On the obverse the legend reads ANTONINVS AVG PIVS P P TR (the last part isn't clear) around the laureate head of the emperor. On the reverse the figure of Antoninus is depicted sacrificing over an altar and the legend reads VOTA SOL DECENN III; below the altar is COS IIII. This type is very close to but not exactly the same as Sear number 4139, which is dated to AD 158-59. The coin would grade good Fine but has a couple of edge defects. None of the above coins are rare but they nonetheless add up to an interesting group of detecting finds.



The figure of Antoninus is depicted sacrificing over an altar

SCOTTISH. Stuart Gamble identified this find as a balance half merk of James VI of Scotland. Mr Gamble asked if we could confirm his ID and give him some idea of the value of the coin. Firstly, this definitely is a silver half merk of James VI. Within the inner circle on the obverse is a shield bearing the arms of Scotland; above it is a crown and either side a thistle. At the end of the obverse legend is the date of striking: 1591. On the reverse is a sword behind a balance (this being why it is called a balance half merk) and the legend on this side reads HIS DIFFERT REGE TYRANNVS, which translates as 'In these a tyrant differs from a king'. English coins tended to stick to the same design for long periods whereas the imagery on those made in Scotland was regularly changed; therefore, Scottish specialists



At the end of the obverse legend is the date of striking: 1591

have wider range of denominations and designs to focus on than those who collect nothing but English coins. Mr Gamble's coin was struck during the sixth Scottish coinage of James VI and it is listed in *Coins of Scotland, Ireland and the Islands* as number 5491. It is slightly double struck on the obverse but it is otherwise in close to VF condition and is very rare as a detecting find. Indeed, it is the first we know of that has come out of English soil. A slightly better specimen was sold at auction very recently and it achieved a hammer price of £420, which is well below the catalogue price of £900 in VF. However, even though this is a rarity, £900 would seem to be a rather optimistic estimate of its commercial value.

MEDIEVAL. This coin was found in Dorset by a lady who asked to remain anonymous. We were asked to provide a definite ID on this find and a possible value. It's a London groat bearing the name Edward and has mint mark sun and rose united on both sides. The mark was first placed on coins before the death of Edward IV on 9 April 1483 and it continued to be used during the brief reign of Edward V (9 April to 26 June) and after Richard III became king. Therefore, coins with the title Edward bearing the mint mark sun and rose united were struck for three different kings; however, they are usually attributed to Edward IV or Edward V. This specimen has a pellet below the bust, which also appears on some groats of



A London groat bearing the name Edward

Richard III. It's a rare coin and because of its link to three different kings specimens achieve high prices at auction. A very similar coin to the one illustrated here, but without the pellet below the bust, was sold at auction during 2019 and the hammer price was £1,600. The pellet makes this coin slightly rarer, so it could sell for a higher price. Interestingly, a couple of specimens from a famous collection sold in 2011 for an average price of £2,600. However, if sold today those two groats might not fetch prices as high as they did nine years since.

MEDIEVAL. This coin was unearthed just before the coronavirus lockdown was announced. It's a cut halfpenny (shown enlarged) and the finder, Paul Tongue, said a 'sharp signal' led to it being located at a depth of five inches. On the obverse all that can be seen of the legend is T I E- N, which is part of STIENE R, so it bears the name of King Stephen. The letters T I E are separated by the fleur de lis on the crown worn by the king. On the reverse the legend is partly flat but RD:+WI is visible, so the mint is Carlisle and the moneyer William. If the whole of the moneyer's name was visible it would read WILEALME. This coin will have been struck during the time that the Scots were in control of the Carlisle mint. In 1125 Henry I still lacked a male heir and as he was nearly 60 a decision was needed as to who would be the next monarch. He did have a legitimate daughter, Matilda, who was married to the Emperor of Germany. When in 1125 the emperor died his widow, then Empress Matilda, was ordered by her father to return to England. Henry knew that daughters were useful, for they could be married off to powerful men, thereby creating alliances. In 1128 Matilda was married to Geoffrey (Plantagenet) of Anjou. However, before her marriage, at a ceremony held in England in January 1127, the major landowners – both lay and clergy – swore an oath that they would accept Matilda as queen when Henry died. Early in December of 1135 King Henry I passed away. News of this would have reached Matilda fairly quickly but before she could act on it her cousin, Stephen, had grasped the throne and was crowned as King of England on 22 December 1135. Most major landowners conveniently forgot their oath to accept Matilda as their queen; she wasn't well liked and, in any case, most much preferred the rule of a man to that of a woman, whatever her claim may be. A powerful individual who did not accept Stephen as king was David I of Scotland. David I had been at the oath taking in 1127 (probably with his son, Prince Henry) and had sworn to support Matilda. Very soon after Stephen was crowned a Scottish



This coin will have been struck during the time that the Scots were in control of the Carlisle mint

army invaded the north of England, ostensibly in support of Matilda. However, David I would know that Stephen had only a short time to rally support and he might therefore have taken advantage of this situation to further his own interests. The Scots speedily overran a large area of northern England, including Carlisle and the mint in that city. For the first time coins were struck in the name of a king of Scotland: David I. In February 1136 the English and Scots came to an agreement, in which the Scots were allowed to hold most of the territory they had gained and David's son, Prince Henry, became Earl of Huntingdon. Armed conflict was avoided by this settlement but relations between the two sides deteriorated and on 22 August 1138 two armies came together at the Battle of the Standard. The English won but David I and Prince Henry managed to escape. At this time it was becoming ever more likely that Matilda would be landing in England to pursue her claim to the throne. Being fully aware of this, after the battle Stephen granted the Scots very favourable terms. Rather than losing land, the Scots gained even more when Prince Henry was made Earl of Northumberland. The first Scottish coins were struck in the name of David I but the design copied type XV of Henry I. Others made shortly afterwards copied the Watford type of Stephen. The earliest moneyer on the Watford type was Ere bald; later on, after the Scots gained favourable terms, coins were struck at Carlisle in Stephen's name. Besides Ere bald, Hudard and William were also moneyers at Carlisle but William is the rarest for coins struck in Stephen's name. A whole penny, struck from the same dies, was sold at auction later in 2019 and the hammer price was £3,400; the coin was flat in one quarter on both sides but was described as being in VF condition and extremely rare. Paul's cut halfpenny is also partly flat but it could still be described as being VF for this extremely rare issue. It would be worth much less than a whole penny but would still be of great interest to both English and Scottish specialists in coins struck at the Carlisle mint.

MEDIEVAL. Here are some of the recent finds unearthed by Roger Paul, who is a regular contributor to the ID & V Desk. First is a pair of voided short cross coins, one being a penny and the other a cut halfpenny. Both have a stop after hENRICVS and other characteristics that mark them out as class Ib coins of Henry II. The reverse legend on the penny reads +RAVL ON NORhT, so Raul is the moneyer and Northampton the mint. The overall condition is quite good and Northampton is one of the scarcer mints for Henry II.

On the cut halfpenny what remains of the reverse legend reads INC+CLE, so the moneyer will be Clement and the mint Winchester. It's a decent looking coin but (as we've said on a number of occasions) most voided short cross cut halfpennies are very common and nowadays they sell for very low prices.



Raul is the moneyer and Northampton the mint



Most voided short cross cut halfpennies are very common

STUART. Roger's other find is a milled silver coin of Charles II. It's a four pence piece, which is dated 1675 on the reverse. This coin isn't scarce in itself but few turn up as detecting finds and this specimen is in close to VF condition.



This specimen is in close to VF condition

17th CENTURY. These two finds came in from the detectorist we know as Jammy Geoff, who is a regular contributor to the ID & V Desk. The first is a lead disc with an angel on one side (the other side is blank). Geoff didn't know what it was but said the angel seemed appropriate, for he unearthed it on Christmas Eve. It is one half of a cloth seal. The missing half (the other side) would have the London city arms upon it. If the whole of it could be seen, this half would have a legend reading GLORIA IN EXCELSIS around the angel and the missing half would have DE LONDINO above the shield of arms. Cloth seals of this type were used in the 17th century and some are dated but if this example does bear a date we can't see it. It's not in good condition but is nonetheless an interesting item.



Cloth seals of this type were used in the 17th century

VIKING. Find number two is a copper-alloy pendant, which dates from the Viking period and is probably 9th-10th century in date. The main element is round and on it is a depiction of a bird with what looks like a flower dangling from its beak; behind the head is an S-scroll. There is a suspension loop at the top and the bird's tail feathers hang off the bottom edge. This really striking pendant is intact, in very good condition, and would be of great interest to specialists in Viking artefacts.



A copper-alloy pendant, which dates from the Viking period

16th-17th CENTURY. This find was unearthed by Andy Thomas, who promptly reported it under the Treasure Act. It's a gold posy ring, which has been recorded on the PAS database and given a date range of 16th-17th century. The ring has a D-section hoop, the internal diameter is 18mm, the weight is 5.41 grams and the posy reads Love AND Be LoveD. It was found during September of 2019 but on 17 April 2020 Mr Thomas received an email saying his find had been disclaimed, so he wanted to have some idea of its possible value. A number of factors determine the value of gold posy rings: the size (buyers prefer those that can fit modern-day fingers), weight, date

ANCIENT BRITISH. Here are two more of Jammy Geoff's finds. The first is an Ancient British silver unit, which measures only 10mm in diameter so it is shown enlarged. It's a coin of the Regni, which has on the obverse a head with one eye showing; the hair is corded and springs from voided crescents. On the reverse is a horse facing left, with a large dot inside a ring above and a stylised flower below, only about half of which shows up. This type isn't in the *Standard Catalogue* but in *Ancient British Coins* it is listed as the Arundel Moon Man type and is said to be extremely rare. It's a decent looking specimen of a real rarity in the Ancient British series.



It's a decent looking specimen of a real rarity

ANGLO-SAXON. Find number two is an Anglo-Saxon button brooch, which will be late 5th to early 6th century in date. There is a fierce looking face in the centre inside a ring of raised pellets, outside of which is a continuous border of circular punch marks. The gilding looks to be 75% intact, the only loss is to the central area. The edge is nibbled all the way round but this is the case with many brooches of this type. Despite the defective edge this is still a rare and very attractive find.



The gilding looks to be 75% intact

ANCIENT BRITISH. The images of this coin were sent in by Mr S. J. Palmer of Oxfordshire but it was found 'eyes only' by a friend, whilst he was walking a dog. We were asked to provide a full ID and give a valuation figure. The coin is a rather nice Ancient British silver unit. On the obverse is a bust facing right with CVNO behind and BELINVS in front. On the reverse is the figure of Victory, either standing on or hovering over a globe, with TAS behind and CHIOV. All these characteristics add up to this silver unit being a coin of the Catuvellauni and Trinovantes. In the *Standard Catalogue* it turns up as number 316 and in *Ancient British Coins* it is number 2882 and listed as the Cunobelinus Winged Victory Type. The die maker seems to have been inspired by some of the denarii he had seen, for this looks more like a Roman coin than an Ancient British silver unit. It is quite small, measuring about 13mm in diameter, so it is shown enlarged to highlight the condition and detail. The obverse is well and centrally struck and would grade better than VF; the reverse has been struck off centre but is otherwise in VF condition. We gave Mr Palmer the minimum figure we would expect it to sell for at auction, which he could then pass on to the finder. If this coin was picked up from

the surface of the soil we are left wondering what other Ancient British finds are waiting to be discovered in the immediate vicinity.



The die maker seems to have been inspired by some of the denarii he had seen



The ring has a D-section hoop, the internal diameter is 18mm

and the state of preservation. We had details of the first three and when we inquired about the condition we were told it had slight markings and scratches. In the not too far distant past posy rings rarely appeared on the open market. However, during more recent times it's not unusual for half a dozen examples to be offered for sale in a single auction. The reason for this is a seemingly never ending supply through detecting finds. They are nothing like as rare as they used to be but they are still snapped up by eager buyers. Basing our price range on the size, weight, date and condition of his find, we gave Mr Thomas our opinion as to what a pre-sale auction estimate would be.

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Derby Artefacts RC **Bridget Whitehouse**

Our members haven't been idle through during lockdown. When it wasn't possible to go out some desperate members resorted to digging their own gardens, with various levels of success. However, as lockdown has been eased, members are beginning to get out onto their own permissions.

We have moved our club meeting's 'find of the month' competition to an online one, the first being 'find of the lockdown' spanning April, May and June.

This proved to be a great success. Photos of prize finds were sent in, judged and winners posted onto a private page for club members to view.

The winners were:

Coin:

1st 1696 crown – Russell Cross



2nd Iceni silver unit – Rod Furniss



Artefact

1st Pot lid/pendant – Malcolm Scothorn



2nd Fibula – Karl Swain



**Garden find
Door knocker**

Broxbourne & Hoddesdon MDC **Mark Weaver**

It's been a while since we have submitted our recent finds, so it's nice to be back!

Here are three coins from June:

Hadrian denarius – Steve Harvey



Antonius Pius sestertius – Steve Harvey



Henry III penny – Lawrence Bone



Wiltshire Searchers MDC **David Rees**

The artefact of the month winner was Fiona who found a dog tag belonging to a Thomas Flynn. Her aim now is to make contact with his family and return this to them.

Coin of the month went to Sean who showed us a selection of his finds that included his first Roman coin. Other items shown were from Mike who detects with his young son Angus and who showed us their recent finds, that included an 18thC shoe buckle part, Medieval pot leg, spoon bowl, brass knob, a Victorian dress brooch, button marked Hammond Turner & Sons, piece of lead moulding, 2 George III pennies, George V penny and halfpenny. Julie had also managed a nice thimble. Steve managed to find a token from Worcester and has shield with 3 pears on it. Yet to be identified.

Finally, John took his daughter out and found a thimble and he has so far not found one, she was very pleased to get one up on him.



**Fiona
dog tag**



**Johns
daughter
thimble**



**Johns farthing
from his garden**

**Steves
Worcester
token**



Mike and Angus finds



**Seans finds and
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Maidenhead Search Society **Andrew Thompson**

We held our first online club competition this month with members entering their favourite finds and voting. Results were: Winner was Jim Mather with his two Emperor penny, 2nd Mick Hole with his Madonna and Child medieval mount, 3rd Andrew Thompson with a gold intaglio ring.



Two Emperors saxon penny



Gold intaglio ring



Pipe tamper



Bronze Age razor



Crotal bell



Elizabeth I 6d



Spanish two reale



George III third guinea



Epaticus silver unit



Quarter stater final

Chippenham & District MDC **Kate Mennell**

The last few months have been difficult with lockdown and we have managed to keep in touch by way of monthly Zoom meetings. These have been a great way to chat, find out what members have been doing, judge the monthly best finds and as usual Mimzy has given us a quiz ranging from The detectorists to one on the Romans.

Our Best finds for June

Best coin

1st Victoria threepence – Matt Fenn



2nd George III shilling – Anthony 'Mimzy' Mims

Best Artefact

1st Trade weight – Anthony 'Mimzy' Mims



2nd Thimble – Matt Fenn

Solway MDC **Davy Jones**

Our competition winners were:

1st Roman Vespasian denarius – Chris Evans



2nd Lead thumb – Billy Vaughan



3rd King Edward I long cross penny – Stuart Peacock

O B I T U A R Y

Desi Dunne



It is with the greatest regret that I have to report the passing of Desi Dunne on the 12 June from cancer.

Many of you will remember Desi as a representative of Minelab, a position he carried out with great skill and enthusiasm.

I had been corresponding with him since 1984, a correspondence filled with discussion – and occasionally dissent! – on metal detectors and detecting.

I shall miss him as I'm sure the hobby will.

John Castle



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Lot 461



Some of the lots from the sale held by Dix Noonan Webb on 12 and 13 February are featured below. This will have been one of last auctions held in the UK where buyers were present in the saleroom. When the coronavirus lockdown started all the bidding took place via the Royal Mail, telephones and the internet. All the prices quoted are before the addition of 24% buyers' premium and any VAT that may have been payable.

Lot 11, William I penny of Tamworth, type III, moneyer Coling, S. 1251, about VF, extremely rare, **£1,100**.

Lot 16, Henry I penny of Shrewsbury, type XIV, moneyer Sagrin, S. 1275, cracked, otherwise about VF, rare, **£440**.

Lot 23, Edward III halfgroat of York, pre treaty period, series E, fleur de lis on king's breast, S. 1582, good VF, full flan, scarce, **£280**.

Lot 28, Henry V groat, type III, class A, S. 1760, about Fine, full flan, very rare, **£400**.

Lot 47, Henry VI penny of York, second reign, M.M. lis on obverse, G and key by neck, S. 2028, about Fine, irregular, very rare, **£300**.

Lot 43, Henry VI groat of London, cross pellet issue, saltires by neck, pellets by crown, lis and leaf on breast, S. 1934, good VF, extremely rare, **£500**.

Lot 52, Henry VII penny of Canterbury, Archbishop Morton, crosses by neck, M in centre of reverse, S. 2220, edge chip, otherwise good Fine and extremely rare, **£550**.

Lot 56, Henry VIII halfgroat of York, first coinage, Archbishop Wolsey, M.M. voided cross, S. 2327, nearly VF, toned, rare, **£240**.

Lot 57, Henry VIII groat second coinage, M.M. pheon, with Irish title HIB REX, S. 2338, VF but pierced, very rare, **£190**.

Lot 59, Henry VIII sovereign type penny of Canterbury, Archbishop Warham, M.M. T on obverse, W A by shield, S. 2350, VF, small, very few known, **£400**.

Lot 67, Edward VI halfgroat of Canterbury, first period, reads EDOARD and CANTOR, S. 2459, Fine, some scratches, very rare, **£340**.

Lot 72, Philip and Mary halfgroat, M.M. lis, S. 2509, only Fair but extremely rare, **£440**.

Lot 89, James I sixpence, second coinage, 1611, M.M. bell, S. 2658, nearly Fine, the mint mark not recorded by North for the date, **£380**.

Lot 100, Charles I sixpence, Briot's first milled issue, M.M. flower on obverse, S. 2855, about VF, **£220**.

Lot 102, Charles I sixpence, Worcester or Shrewsbury mint, M.M. castle obverse, boar's head reverse, S. 3115, small piercing and a plugged hole, otherwise good Fine and extremely rare, **£1,100**.

Lot 176, George IV penny, 1827, S. 3823, surfaces slightly porous, otherwise about VF and rare, **£240**.

Lot 192, Victoria penny, 1863, die number 3 below date, S. 3954, about Fine, extremely rare, **£2,800**.

Lot 201, Victoria penny, 1877, small date, S. 3954, dent on obverse and lightly scratched, only Fair but extremely rare, **£2,600**.

Lot 208, Victoria halfpenny, 1860, toothed border obverse, beaded border reverse, Fine, excessively rare, **£1,200**.

Lot 249, Gallo-Belgic gold stater, series E, S. 11, about EF, **£500**.

Lot 254, Vikings of York penny, St. Peter coinage, phase III, sword/hammer type, S. 1016, blundered legend and edge chip, otherwise VF and excessively rare, **£1,800**.

Lot 250, Continental sceatta, series E, porcupine/standard, S. 790, about VF, **£55**.

Lot 259, Robert of Gloucester penny of Shaftesbury, moneyer Sagrim, irregular edge and flan slightly dished, otherwise VF and unique, **£8,500**.

Lot 260, Edward III half noble of London, pre treaty period, series Gh, S.1494, better than VF, **£1,400**.

Lot 265, Edward VI gold halfcrown of Southwark, first period, M.M. E on reverse, unpublished for Southwark, Fair to Fine but cracked and heavily creased, probably unique, **£900**.

Lot 312, Charles I halfcrown of York, type 7, M.M. lion, S. 2869, Fine, scarce, **£240**.

Lot 316, Commonwealth sixpence, 1654, M.M. sun, 4 of date struck over 3, S. 3119, slightly clipped, otherwise about VF, rare, **£380**.

Lot 318, Cromwell halfcrown, 1658, S. 3227A, Fine, reverse better, **£1,200**.

Lot 346, George I half guinea, 1720, S. 3635, obverse slightly double struck, otherwise nearly VF, **£650**.

Lot 461, Victorian threepence, 1868, S. 3914A, with the RRITANNIA error, rubbed in obverse field, otherwise Fine and very rare, **£750**.

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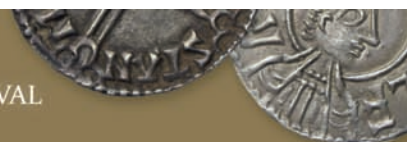
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